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TWEED DISAPPEARS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The whereabouts of Tweed still the absorbing theme in political and fashionable circles. All sorts of rumors continue to be circulated. His friends yet insist that he is still in the city, and will appear when the time of mourning proper ball. Most persons believe he has fled, and has no intention of returning. That his departure is the result of long meditation and careful planning. Stories of Tweed's retirement in the Metropolitan Hotel, his family house, Mrs. McMullin's house, in Fifth avenue, and the house of friends in Jersey, are, so far as can be ascertained, without foundation. It is thought by many that Sheriff Brennan knows Tweed's present place, and is in collusion with him in fact, to prevent his imprisonment; that the statements that the officers are searching for Tweed to take him custody are merely a pretext to deceive the community. The probabilities of the Boss' flight seems growing less and less, and a number of well-informed men say he will have to run for it if he has not already, unless he be willing to go to prison. The reports of this morning that Tweed has yet everything out of his hands, and that he has property which can be legally at his disposal appear confirmed by later intelligence. He is declared to be trustworthy. This assurance we are glad that Tweed went to Long Island last night, and intends to sail for Europe by a steamer. Some of the sporting fraternity have wager two to one that he won't be seen in the streets for twelve months. The general impression is that he has very little chance of securing the same amount of bail, and every hour of his absence reduces his chances; that he will much more likely to run away than be committed to prison. He is said to have sworn that Tweed shall never have the latter satisfaction, and that night is almost the only refuge now open. Fresh rumors are constantly set afloat to bring the Reformers, to confuse the public mind and baulk private vigilance, to the effect that he has been arrested, has surrendered or has been consigned to Ludlow Street Jail to secure new bondsmen; but up to the hour of sending more positive is known of Tweed than was known at dusk. Even his relations and friends do not pretend that he will be seen for two or three days.

EX-RACKETT'S ILLNESS.

Nearly a hope is entertained of the actor, J. Rackett's recovery. It is stated that his physicians have up several days ago, as his case is in the region of the heart. Rackett has come of at least one million of dollars, and it is said, leave a large sum to found a home for aged and invalid actors, to be located in or near this city, and to be called the Rackett Home, in memory of deceased wife, Rosalie Rackett, has been at his father's bedside of late.

MONEY.

The extravagancy in the money market continued unabated. The rates to government bond dealers were 7 per cent currency to 7 per cent gold, and stock brokers, 1-6 to 2-6 per diem for turning over. Later in the day these rates were slightly reduced. The pressure results in almost impossible commercial paper, as those who possess it prefer to get the high rates obtained for

GOLD

which stood at 109, and advanced to 109¾, but at the close price had fallen off to 109. The rates for carrying were 1-32, 7, 3-64, 3-32, 1-16, and 1-8 per cent.

THE GOVERNMENT BOND MARKET

was lighter on the active investment demand, but an increase in volume daily. The offerings of investment bonds to the Treasury, to-day, were $2,350. Central Pacific bonds closed at 91¾, and Tuions at 92½ to 93 for firsts; 79¾ for land grants; 85½ to 86 for incomes, and 87 for sixes.

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The Assistant Treasurer announced to-day that the interest on the public debt due January 1, would be paid at his office on and after to-morrow's date.

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BREADSTUFFS.

The inquiry for flour was more general, and the sales were firm. The demand was more active for Pennsylvania and West Indies, but high for the low grades. At the close there was a still better tone to the market, and holders moderate demands. There was no pressure to sell. Prices were firm, in the absence of business. The demand for wheat was chiefly for milling. Corn is without change. The demand is light, and mainly for the

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The Commissioners of Charities and Correction, in connection with the Commissioners of Public Parks, met to-day, when Attorney General Barlow, however, says he has not been appointed by Governor Hoffman to have O'Gorman's side.

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The steamer Cuba, hence for Liverpool, while going down the lower bay, this morning, struck on the Knolls, where she now remains. The Coast Wrecking Company have sent a steamer to her assistance.

The steamer Silesia, which left Hamburg on the 13th of December, was detained by fog, and did not leave Havana until the 23d of December. The Silesia cannot be expected consequently before the 3d or 30 of January.

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WORK HOUSE TEAM MISSING.

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A number of hospital stewards are still trying to recover money due them under the law passed for their relief. They seem to think Secretary Belknap can get them out of the trouble that Judge Miscervey, of Iowa, and L. C. Ingersoll, of Chicago, got them into. The Secretary, however, was powerless in the matter, after the stewards neglected his advice to have nothing to do with claim agents.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SWEET.

General Sweet, of Illinois, entered upon his duties to-day as First Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

INDIAN COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

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Great Britain.

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LONDON, Dec. 27.—Her Majesty Queen Victoria left Windsor for Sandringham in a special train at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

France.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Minister of the Interior proposes to increase the stringency of the laws and regulations for the control of the press. It is understood that his intentions have the approval of the President.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—General Sherman and Lieutenant Grant, son of President Grant, are expected to arrive in this city to-morrow.

In the National Assembly, to-day, the proposed income tax was again under discussion. Minister of Finance, Pouyer Quertier, spoke in opposition to the measure, which he denounced as arbitrary and inquisitorial. The speaker cited Lord Brougham and President Grant in support of his remark. In the course of a general debate on the clause, the duties to be put to death.

A free trader whose name I have not received from Berlin, says he was obliged to leave Hanover, after great efficiency, for incompatibility of one kind or other.

THE JANUARY INTEREST.

The Secretary of the Treasury to-day commenced the payment, without rebate of the interest due the 1st of January on United States bonds.

MAIL SERVICE ORDERED.

The Postmaster General to-day ordered a mail service on the Lake Shore & Tuscarawas Valley Railroad, from Ransomville to Guilford, Ohio, from January 15 next, and on the Decatur, Sullivan & Mattoon Railroad, from Mattoon to Maroon, Ill., six times a week from January 1. Mail service is extended on the St. Joseph & Denver City Railroad, from Marysville to Hanover, Kansas.

ILLINOIS.

Payment of Interest on State Indebtedness —Payment to the Chicago City Comptroller on Account of the Canal Lien—Other Items.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 27.—Hon. E. N. Bates, State Treasurer, starts for New York, to-morrow, where he will remain a week or longer, paying interest on the State bonds which are not yet due or payable, and also to pay the interest due on city, county and township bonds, which were issued for and in aid of railroads, &c. The interest due on the State indebtedness will amount to only about $87,000, while that on city, county, and township bonds will foot up $150,000, making about $200,000 to be paid out by the State Treasurer on the January installment of interest.

George Taylor, Comptroller of the city of Chicago, was here to-day, and received from the State Treasurer the State bonds, amounting to $250,000, as part pay of the lien of said city on the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and referred to in my despatch to THE TRIBUNE of the 21st inst.

Hon. Henry Sherill and Baker Knox, of Big Grove, Kendall County, were, to-day, appointed and commissioned by the Governor as Directors of the Joliet, Newark & Mendota Railroad, under and by the provisions of an act of the General Assembly in force April 16, 1867.

Pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State, under which the St. Ignatius College, of Chicago, was incorporated, the annual report was filed with the Secretary of State to-day. This report shows that the assets of the college are $260,000. Its liabilities $150,000. It has 160 students, and eight professors and officers.

The Aldine Lithographing Company, of Chicago, capital stock $15,000, filed a certificate of organization to-day.

Opening Session of the State Teachers' Association, at Dixon.

DIXON, Ill., Dec. 27.—The opening session of the State Teachers' Association, yesterday, was devoted to an exchange of information regarding the educational facts in different parts of the State.

In the afternoon President J. H. Blodgett's address set forth some of the dangers surrounding the system of free schools, and the need of a wider comprehension of the work of education, and the various agencies besides the schools that go to form the character. It was given as a startling fact, full of social danger, that a boy can more easily enter one of the learned professions than gain the masterly knowledge of a trade. Beyond of broader culture, need of better estimate of material, social and moral forces, needs of new devotion by teachers, were urged.

Colonel Potter occupied the evening with a well prepared address on the power of an idea, largely illustrated by the history of Buddhism, and applied in the line of moral training.

The division into sections this morning brought out much valuable discussion, based on various papers and exercises, by Miss Paddock, of the Cook County Normal School, on oral instruction in the primary reading, by Professor Cook, of Normal; natural sciences, by E. P. Frost, of Peoria, and mathematics, by Professor Metcalf, of Normal.

This afternoon Hon. N. Bateman gave a complete history of the present state of school legislation in the State, and Edwards, of Normal; Roots, of Tamaroa, and Senator Woodard, of Chicago, each spoke at considerable length, altogether indicating a very harmonious feeling between the Superintendent, the teachers, and the Legislature as represented in the educational committees. The subject will be resumed to-morrow.

Over 300 are here. Many have been detained or turned back by the breaking of rails in the cold snap. A freight train wrecked a dozen cars between Amboy and Mendota, this morning, and the passengers were exchanged around the break.

The Missouri Association sent telegraphic greetings, which were duly responded to.

THE WHARTON TRIAL.

Report of the Testimony Taken Yesterday.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—In the Wharton trial, to-day, Francis D. Cleary, of the firm of Gittinger & Cleary, Washington, D. C., was called and sworn as the first witness for the defence. He remembers the interview at his office, on the 24th of June last, with General Ketchum and Mr. Carnal. The day was excessively hot, and General Ketchum seemed to be suffering from heat. Mr. Cleary testified that General Ketchum deposited the full amount of the purchase money for his house on June 13.

Elenor Dedricken, colored, was sworn. Was living with Mrs. Wharton when General Ketchum died. Remembers when he arrived there. Waited on the table that night. Was there when General Ketchum and Mrs. Chubb took tea. General Ketchum ate very heartily, and spoke as if he intended to make up for two meals. He certainly took three cups of coffee, if not four, but will not say four positively. He ate five or six pancakes; ate of all on the table except bread. During the General's illness there were a great many persons in and about the house. Several times servants came in to bring things for Mrs. VanNess. The closets and refrigerator were not kept locked. She medicines were kept in the washstand in Mrs. Wharton's room in the second story, which was then kept locked, and witness had free access to the washstand, and parts of the house. Saw the vial or bottle introduced into court by Dr. Williams. Had seen it before. It was shown her by Susan, she thinks on Tuesday. Being questioned about the vials and medicines kept in the washstand, witness said paregoric and arnica and Jamaica ginger were kept there. Adjourned.

Weather Report.

PEORIA, Dec. 27.—This is the coldest day of the season, the mercury standing five degrees below zero. The Illinois River is frozen over at Sandford's ford, for the first time in the history of the river. The river has been flowing up stream for the past few days, caused by the creeks below pouring in greater volume of water.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Dec. 27.—The the thermometer to-day is thirteen degrees below zero. We have about ten inches of snow, and the sleighing is the best for years.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 27.—The anticipated snow storm of last night proved a failure. This morning was bright, clear, and intensely cold, the mercury marking seven degrees below zero, and moderating but very little during the day.

A Pittsburgh despatch says: The weather has again turned very cold, and the prospects for navigation are not so favorable. The rivers are still open but full of floating ice, and it is feared that the cold, freezing weather will close them up again. Even if they should not close again there will not be water enough to let out the coal barges laid up between here and Beaver. Trade are reported as having been cut down."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The barometer will probably continue to rise on Thursday, with northwesterly winds backing to the north in New England and Middle States, and northwesterly winds in the Southern and Gulf States. Southwesterly winds with threatening weather will develop in the northwest. Clear and pleasant weather will prevail very generally east of the Mississippi. Brisk but not dangerous winds are anticipated for this evening.

The South Carolina Ku-Klux Trials.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 27.—In the United States Court, to-day, Mr. Stanberry moved for a new trial in the case of Mitchell, on the ground that the Ku-Klux conspiracy culminated March 4, 1871, and was sought to be punished by a law enacted April 20, 1871. He also moved for arrest by indictment on the ground of the unconstitutionality of the Ku-Klux act. The cases of Brown and Miller, alleged Ku-Klux, were taken up, and Brown pleaded guilty.

MICHIGAN.

Riotous Proceedings at a Public Park Meeting at Detroit.

DETROIT, Dec. 27.—A public meeting held here this morning, to consider the proposed purchase of a park location in Hamtramack, above this city, was little less than a riot. Only a small portion of the crowd that assembled could get into the room, and the result was tremendous confusion, and finally two meetings in one was organized, with Alanson Sheley in the chair and this after great turmoil, which only the interference of the police prevented from becoming a general fight. After the adoption of a resolution ordering an issue of bonds for the purchase of a location, the meeting adjourned. Mayor Whenden organized a second meeting, which adjourned to the out-side of the building, and there rejected the park proposition. Both meetings deny the other's legality, and the matter has thus got into a general snarl.

The Arkansas Outrages.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—The *Democrat's* Little Rock (Ark.) special says: "Arrivals from Calcot County report that after the shooting of the murderers Sanders, Garrett, and Dugan, and the destruction of Garrett's store, where Wynne was murdered, the crowd dispersed, and the Sheriff and his posse have since remained in peaceable possession of the place. Sanders, Garrett and Dugan had been notoriously bad characters, one having committed several murders, and another having whipped a negro and broken his arm, previous to their attack on Wynne. These circumstances rendered the negroes, when assaulted, uncontrollable until they had secured themselves from any further violence at their hands.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Rev. Robert J. Breckenridge, D. D., died at 5 o'clock last evening at his home in Danville, Ky., after a protracted illness.

—On Sunday evening, at Vinton, Ia., Watson's Block, containing three stores and a fine public hall, was destroyed by fire. Loss heavy.

—A little son of S. Foulke, Urbana,

THE TRUE CATHOLIC RULE OF FAITH.

A Paper by Father Hyacinthe.

From the New York Independent, Dec. 21.

In the religious crisis through which we are passing two things are supremely necessary—sincerity and logic. I wish to be governed by them both in defining the true position of those who reject the infallibility of the Pope and the particular system of which it forms a part. It is asked what we are, and whither we are going. We are Catholics; and we are not going anywhere. We mean to stay in the Church, from which they are making such wicked and useless efforts to drive us out. If we were Protestants, or were going toward Protestism, I would say so frankly.

I hope to be able to speak of Protestantism with entire freedom, and at the same time with respect and charity. Protestantism contains great defects, and (to speak without reserve) great errors; but I know also how much it preserves of truth and of Christian virtue, and how many upright and generous spirits it counts, and in its ranks, both in Europe and in America. I reckon some of my best friends. I should be sorry to wound them by any word or thought of mine.

Having said this, once for all, let me repeat that we are and wish to continue Catholics, and that in the fearful struggle that divides our Church we are the ones who represent the Church's traditional principle in respect both to truth and to unity. Truth absolute and consequently unchangeable; unity perfect, and in one sense exclusive—these are the two distinctive notes of Catholicism, and they are attested, the former by the rule of faith, which is practically summed up in the constant and universal witness of the Church, the latter in the hierarchic constitution, and especially the central institution of the Primacy.

Let us consider at present the first of these two points, and show the coexistence and antagonism of the two irreconcilable Catholicisms—the old and the new, the true and the false.

Three great principles—or, if you choose, three great methods—are contending among themselves for the empire of souls: Rationalism, Protestantism, Catholicism.

Rationalism suppresses revelation. Debasing the Bible to the level of a merely human book, degrading the prophets and Christ himself to the rank of mere heroes and sages; it pretends to derive religion exclusively from the depths of our own nature and the lights of our own reason. It will be seen that I am speaking here only of religious rationalism, commonly called Deism.

Protestantism maintains revelation, but mutilates it; and, in fact, while exalting the Bible, separates it from the living tradition which complements and explains it, and substitutes the individual faith of the Christian for the collective faith of the Church.

Catholicism alone remains faithful to the whole revelation, written and spoken—spoken before it was written, and so written, let me repeat, that it always needs to complete and declare itself in speech. Only this speech is not that of an individual conscience—of an isolated person—but the universal and constant teaching of the Church; to use the weighty words of Vincent of Lerins, it is "that which has been believed always, every where, by all." Doubtless the faith of the pious and intelligent Catholic is profoundly personal; but it has for the base and direction the collective faith of the Church.

These three methods may be summed up in three words: the abstract idea in Rationalism the dead letter in Protestantism, the living Word in Catholicism.

But there is yet another system which, hitherto restricted within the domain of opinions always contesting, is now making pretensions to move itself on one of the faith. It is *Ultramontanism*, or, to name it more exactly, *Papism*, which, when it has reached its logical conclusion, is called *Infallibilism*. The partisans of this system have the arrogance, nowadays, to put it forward as the only Catholic system. In opposition to them I ten make the mistake of combating it as an exaggeration of Catholicism. I claim, for my part, that it is the very antipodes of Catholicism. According to the Ultramontanes, in fact, it is not the Church that is infallible, but the Pope; and the infallibility of the Church (which of course needs must retain this, at least, in word) is only a deviation from that of the Pope—the passive infallibility of a pupil who says yes to the lesson of an infallible master. Henceforth there is no more need of inquiring what has been the faith of the Church of all lands and times; it is sufficient to interrogate the oracle which speaks at the Vatican.

I would not be wanting in respect to Pius IX. As I have elsewhere said, I respect his white hairs, his misfortunes, and even his faults, for these have their source in pious illusions. During the long life I have had private conversations with him; and, without disguising to myself his inadmissible principles and errors, I must know the excellent qualities of his heart I will not say, then, that he is personally blameworthy; but his words are blameworthy, beyond my power of expression, when he does not fear to proclaim that he himself is tradition and the Church. *Io sono la tradizione e sono la Chiesa!* That is the complete inversion of the Catholic rule of faith. This, under a solemn and mystical form, is only a preposterous return to the Protestant principle of individualism and the substitution of one man's private inquiry and judgment for the inquiry and judgment of the Universal Church.

For my part I freely own that I would prefer the method of Protestantism to that of Ultramontanism—the state of soul which the former implies to the state of soul which the latter produces. Yet; if we had to choose between these two errors, my choice would be for the perilous contemplation of truth and science, set face to face with the Bible and with Christ, and against the prostration of all consciences, sunddered from the living Savior and the Bible, in subjection to the suggestioned word of a man who might be John XII. or Alexander VI. A system like this is no more Protestantism than it is Catholicism. Its real kindred is with the religion of Buddha! I am not exaggerating. I have breathed that atmosphere; I know what there is in it!

Furthermore, history shows, beyond the possibility of doubt, that the teaching of the Popes and that of the Church are not the same. Bossuet has written the history of the variations of Protestantism; another history might be written of the variations of the Popes. At the extremity, of Protestant subjectivism, with its variations and uncertainties, Catholic specialists have been wont to point out, to logical minds, the abyss of skepticism. But not less widegrawning, not less devouring, not less intolerable does it appear at the logical extremity of this other subjectivism—the subjectivism of Rome. In one case, as in the other, I deny only one way of escape—without departing from the system, and that is blind faith. *Sist pro ratione voluntas.*

The struggle, so inconclusive and so long protracted from age to age, between the Catholic principle and the infallibilist principle, is drawing near its close. I am reminded of the story of the patriarch's wife, within whose womb the twins were struggling. Thus it was with the Catholic Church; and men might have replied to her groans and cuteries, as to those of the daughter of Bethuel, "Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels, and the one stronger shall be subdued by the feebler."—Gen. xxv, 23. The 18th of July 1870! Canaanitism and yet ambitious aim for it marks the enfranchisement of the faith of the Church, too long held captive and oppressed under the personal teaching of the Popes. Up to that date the positions of the two parties were not clearly defined. Alike restrained by the fear of consequences, the Ultramontanes shrank from going to the extreme of their pretensions, the Gallicans from going to the extreme of their resistance. But no compromises are become impossible; all make-shift expedients and disguises of the question are at an end. We are forced to choose between the Pope's faith and the Church's faith. Very well! My choice is made, and I must be allowed to say, with one of the greatest Catholic scholars of Germany: "If the Pope and the whole hierarchy turn heretics, the Church is not where the Pope and the Bishops are; it remains where the faith is."

*Address of Professor Massen at the University of Vienna.

New Year's Reception Dresses.

From Harper's Bazar.

Full dress is now generally adopted by ladies when receiving New Year's calls. This is not half room full dress of gossamer fabrics, with low corsage and mere atoms of sleeves, but the more stately toilet of dinners and receptions, such as rich silks and satins, made with half low or antique sleeves and the pointed surplice necks that cover the shoulders, and slope low in front and back alike. Among the prettiest dresses prepared for the "glad New Year" is one of pale-rose silk. The skirt, is a slight train, with the edge cut in petal points; the overdress is a Marguerite polonaise with pointed surplice neck, and bosom drapery of white tulle folds and point-lace; the polonaise is very long and is looped behind by bows and leafy sprays, instead of the usual bows. Diamonds, powdered hair, and a pink ostrich-tip, worn across the left of the head, complete the toilette. A dress, also made with a polonaise, is of light black silk, draped by tea-roses and buds. The dress of a slight, matronly of mignonette-green faille with ruffled flounces, narrow in front, but extending almost to the waist behind; the upper skirt is in the new shape, with long apron front and short back, like a postilion. Fringe and ruffles trim this skirt and the corsage. Quite young girls wear simple and inexpensive silks of a pale solid color, with Watteau bows of black velvet hanging from the back of the neck; white bows without ends are set on the bosoms, elbows, and sides of the upper skirt. Tulle necklaces, studded with flowers, with lockets or cross pendants, are tied behind with ends hanging; narrow black velvet necklaces have also long ends, young girls sometimes contriving to put eight yards of velvet in loops and streamers of a single necklace.

A feather tip of ostrich or an aigrette of the white heron is the most fashionable headdress. These are mounted almost on top of the head, and two drooping ornaments, either of feathers, flower sprays, or curls, are worn. Sometimes two or three roses are arranged to surmount the chignon of puffs, wists, and braids, forming a heading for a comb. The natural contour of the head is now plainly shown, as very little false hair is shown.

Illuminated cards, inscribed with appropriate mottoes and "A Happy New Year," accompany the gifts offered on New Year's Day. Ladies who have a large circle of acquaintances expect callers by 10 o'clock, and are in the parlor ready "to receive." The drawing room windows are opened, jardinieres and Christmas wreaths appear between the curtain, and a lunch of delicate viands—salads, boned turkey, oysters, tongue, ham, rich cake, fruit, French rolls, coffee, cream, &c.—is spread on a table near, either in the drawing room or in a room adjacent. Gentlemen have dropped the fashion of having "A Happy New Year" engraved on the cards they leave on this day, and now use their ordinary visiting cards, leaving one in the card receiver at each house, that the hostess may number up the guests of the day.

Lowry's Cat—The Rocky Mountain Mouser.

From the Beaver Radical.

Jim Stewart, sometimes called the "Commodore," is the most noted darkey in Erie. He is a good natured, shrewd sort of a fellow, somewhat addicted to doing business now and then on the Jeremy Didler style, as the following incident will prove. He lives near the residence of the Hon. Morrow C. Lowry, he was frequently employed by the latter to do odd jobs around the house and in the garden. One day Mrs. Lowry concluded that the peccadilloes of a worthless tom-cat, long an attache of the family, were such as demanded the infliction of a capital punishment, and Jim was called upon to play the part of executioner. After a long chase the victims was captured and put in a basket, over which an old shawl was securely fastened. The next move was the disposal of the prisoner. Mrs. L. suggested drowning, but Jim, with tears in his eyes, protested that he could no more "drown the cat" than he could drown "himself;" that were he to do so, his conscience, acting on a naturally tender heart, would trouble him so much at nights that he was sure he could never sleep a wink thereafter. Not wishing to ruin Jim's peace of mind, Mrs. L. compromised the matter by giving him a dollar, and directing him to dispose of it any way he pleased, so that she should never see it again. Putting the dollar in his pocket and the basket under his arm, Jim started down town. He had not gone out of sight of the house when he met Morrow, walking leisurely toward his home, and the following colloquy ensued:

Morrow. Hello, Jim, what have you got there?

Jim. One ob de celebrated Rocky Mountain cats, sah.

Morrow. A Rocky Mountain cat? Why, Jim, where did you get him, and what are you going to do with him?

Jim. I golly, sah! Didn't you heah ob de big bunch ob dem cats eam to town yesterday from Kingsbury, sah? Boss mousers to do wurl, sah, and dis is de biggest and bes one ob de lot, sah. Dey are gwine to give me fosh dollars for him at the Reed House, sah.

Morrow (recollecting the "general ensedeness" of the family cat): Jim, we want a good cat here bad enough, and I think this fellow, but—but—don't you think four dollars is steep for a cat?

Jim. Why, sah, de res sold for five dollars sah.

This decided Morrow, so he paid Jim the price asked, and took him for carry the "Rocky mountain cat" up to Mrs. Lowy. Jim had, however, very important business elsewhere, and he begged Morrow to take the basket himself, which the latter consented to do. Arriving at home, he took his prize into the sitting-room, carefully closed the doors, and, lifting the basket, hurrying and smiling benevolently at Mrs. L's. apparent astonishment, remarked:

"My dear, I've brought you a Rocky mountain cat—the best mouser—"

At this moment the cat jumped out of the basket, and commenced rubbing himself against his protector's legs. Morrow stopped short, while his wife broke in impatiently:

"La me, Morrow! Why that's the same old cat I gave Jim the week at a dollar to drown, not more than ten minutes ago."

What followed we know not, but a few minutes later the town's people might have been noticed on the streets of Erie, armed with a walking-stick, and wondering "what on earth can never find that digger when he wants to see him badly."

Woman Suffrage Convention.

The National Suffrage Committee will hold a convention at Lincoln Hall, in Washington, on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of January. All those interested in woman's enfranchisement are invited there to consider the "New Departure," "women already citizens," and their rights as such secured by the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments of the Federal Constitution.

This view, presented in the "Woodhull Memorial" at the last session of Congress, was respectfully received, and a minority report of the Judiciary Committee made in its favor, which has been sanctioned by the opinions of some of the ablest constitutional lawyers and judges in the country.

Although this report has been before the nation nearly a year, no authoritative adverse opinions have as yet been reported; it only remains, then, that the coming Congress pass a declaratory act, and women citizens in every State of the Union will have the right to vote for the next President without hindrance; their eligibility to this high office is already settled by the original constitution. Art. 2, Sec. 4.

Let, then, the 15,000,000 women of this republic rise up in their dignity and use these new-found liberties for their own protection, freedom, and the salvation of their country. A united effort, now, and the day is ours; we have not only the right to vote for President, but, if true to ourselves, have a potent voice in determining who shall be nominated for that office.

The times are auspicious, party ties are broken, politicians are losing their hold on the masses, who have clearer ideas of human rights than ever before; and of all the vital issues now looming up for the party of the no-distant future, there is not one so momentous and far reaching in its consequences as woman suffrage. Therefore, we urge all friends of equal rights to be present and take part in the deliberations of the convention.

Lucretia Mott, Ruth Care Denteon,
Isabella Beecher Hooker, Laura Curtis Bullard,
Josephine S. Griffing, Olympia Brown,
Catharine A. F. Stebbins, Detroit, Mich.,
Nannette B. Gardner, Detroit, Mich.

Sarah Pugh, Philadelphia,
Martin Mitchell, Philadelphia,
Mrs. Washington, Bladon, Philadelphia,
Mrs. Hepburn Foster, Philadelphia,
Miss Carrie A. Burnham, Philadelphia.
Miss Carrie S. Burnham, Washington, D. C.
Miss Florence Riddle Bartlett, Washington, D. C.
Miss Lucy J. Spencer, Washington, D. C.
Miss Francis Henshaw Baden, Washington, D. C.
E. D. E. N. Southworth, Georgetown,
Marie C. Underwood, Alexandria, Va.
Anna W. Bedeker, Richmond, Va.
Mrs. S. H. Arnold, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
Mrs. Jacquin B. Post, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
Esther Morris, ex-Justice of the Peace, Wyoming.
A. Frances Pillsbury, Charleston, S. C.
Mrs. P. Holmes Drake, Huntsville, Ala.
Hon. Mrs. Asa on A. Sargent, Nevada, California.
Laura Fair Gordon, Nevada, California.
Hon. Mrs. Ex-Gov. Ela, New Hampshire.
Mrs. Governor Ashley.
Lavinia C. Dundore, Baltimore, Md.

Revels and Garrison.

Washington Correspondence of the Cincinnati Commercial.

I heard a good story told of the colored ex-Senator from Mississippi, the other day. Revels, while in the Senate, was settled somewhat by the New England people, and, I fear, somewhat spoiled, for he had not been in the Senate a fortnight before he adopted the practice of Mr. Sumner, of never receiving any cards while the Senate was in session. Every other Senator, if he gets a card from a person, goes out into the hall to see him. Mr. Sumner instructed the doorkeepers never to bring him a card during the sessions of the Senate, and Mr. Revels followed his practice and became, of course, a little unpopular. But that is nothing to the purpose. Revels received many invitations from New England to lecture. Of course he couldn't make a decent lecture, and he was no speaker, but he was a colored brother and a Senator, and they made the most of him. He was, as all know, in the Senate but a short time; yet he made it pay. He was rarely in the city, and accepted all the invitations to lecture that came to him. While being made the most of in Massachusetts, by the old Abolition element, he frequently heard the name of Mr. Garrison. He finally asked some one of his newly-made friends who "this man Garrison" was. They answered in the greatest astonishment:

"Why, don't you know William Lloyd Garrison, the great Abolitionist?"

"No," he replied, "I don't think I know him. Where's he from?"

"Why, he lives here, in Massachusetts."

"Oh, I don't mean that," replied the great Senator; "I mean, where was he a slave?" I believe the answer to this question was never given.

A War Incident.

From the New Orleans Picayune.

An old claim, arising from the war, was settled yesterday in a somewhat unusual manner. While an officer in the army, nearly ten years ago, Governor Warmouth was passing a farm house and saw grazing in the yard a very beautiful horse. As "improvement" on such occasions was allowable in the service, he appropriated the animal to his own use, and rode it during his stay in the army. When he quit the service the horse was turned over to the Quartermaster. But the Governor says his young friend Lavering, known to his friends as "Jack," and a year ago he caused inquiries to be set on foot which resulted in ascertaining the name of the owner of the horse and his present residence. A correspondence was then commenced, the Governor frankly acknowledging that he was the culprit, and expressing a desire to pay for the animal. Several letters passed, and finally a price was agreed upon, and yesterday the Governor forwarded Mr. Priestley a check for $500, that amount being considered an equivalent for his war charge.

The wife of the Russian Czarewitz, the former Princess Dagmar, of Denmark, who has had the reputation of being the most elegant woman in Russia, is declar-d to have faded so rapidly within the past three years that she could scarcely be recognized by the companions of her youth.

THE NORTHWEST.

IOWA.

Linn County is to have $1,000 worth of buildings on its poor farm.

—Oswego has a brass band composed entirely of ladies. It comprises ten members.

—The new school house at Florence is now completed. It is a handsome two-story stone building, situated on a hill at the edge of town.

—The Marshalltown *Times* says: "An enthusiastic Englishman called at the express office a day or two ago with a half dozen prairie hens which he desired to be sent forthwith to Her Majesty the Queen. On being informed that he would be required to come down with the cash in advance for carriage he stammered a little, but finally planked it down, and the fowls from the prairies of Iowa were duly addressed, 'To Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Windsor, England,' and went on their way to the Royal footnation."

WISCONSIN.

Near Doylestown, last week, Mrs. Dean suffered the removal of an ovarian tumor about the size of a child's head, and is now doing well.

—The Janesville *Gazette* says: "One of our medical practitioners received a Christmas present yesterday in the shape of a draft for a couple of hundred dollars. The man who sent it is a total stranger, with whom the doctor never had any business transactions. In a letter accompanying the draft the sender promises to forward the balance in a few days."

—It is stated by parties acquainted with the fact that Lieut. Davis, who cut timber in the Chippewa Valley, was not Lieut. Jefferson Davis, has been the common report. Jefferson Davis remained at Prairie du Chien but a short time.

—Twenty-five families living on 320 acres of land in Shawano County, want to be incorporated into a village to be named Pacific.

—Green Bay has another artesian well, which is at present flowing within three feet of the surface. The well was bored 134 feet; the first rock that was met 97 feet below the surface, and it was found necessary to drill three feet through this. The water is pure and clear.

—The Knapp brothers, of Winneconne, have some 4,000 acres of cranberry land in the vicinity of Black River Falls, where the past season they have dug twenty-two miles of four and six feet ditches, expending almost $6,000 in the improvement of their marshes.

INDIANA.

There is said to be a surplus of ministerial talent in Cambridge City.

—Shelby County feels the need of a new jail, and proposes to erect one in the spring.

—Paragon people seem to be paragons of clumsiness. Eph. Hodges is the last man who handled a gun carelessly. It did not kill him thistime.

—The champion experimenter of the State has brought himself into public notice. His name is Kellogg, and he touched a buzz-saw in the stave factory at Indianapolis, to see whether it was in motion. He was satisfied.

The New Albany *Ledger* says: "Mr. Green C. Cannon, of this city, has a child eight months old, which may be termed an infantile giant. The child weighs thirty-eight pounds, and yesterday walked across the room with a spittoon in one hand, and a child's rocking chair in the other."

MICHIGAN.

A party belonging to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railroad survey, numbering 45 men, whose destination is Lake Nepigon, was last week left at Copper Harbor by the steamer Mineral Rock she being unable to reach Fort William. Engineer Brooks, in charge, gave instructions to proceed *via* Green Bay, St. Paul, and Duluth.

—The Western Union telegraph line has been extended to Alpena.

—Richardson & Wallis, of Cooper, have a year ling Durham which weighs 1,900 lbs.

—Pentwater is said to have the largest shingle mill in the United States.

—The capacity of the saw-mills within the limits of Bay City is 120,000,000 feet.

—Saginaw has a colored amateur dramatic association. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is appropriately selected for the initial performance.

—Over 2,000 copies of a book teaching the signs of handkerchief flirtations, etc., have been sold at Grand Rapids. The Kalamazoo *Telegraph* very properly states that the agent will be tarred and feathered if he visits that city.

—The Portage Lake *Mariner* exults says: "The supply of wild game in town is larger than for many years. One string of Bologna sausage and a kit of red-eared, L. S., branded-tail herring attract great attention among good livers."

—The upper Peninsula journals have been counting up the business of the season, and report very favorably for the past year. The production of copper is 104 tons less this year than in 1870. The total product from the Lake Superior mines in 1871 was nearly 1,000,000 tons of ore, and over 40,000 tons of charcoal pig iron were manufactured. The value of iron and copper produced was about $12,000,000.

—A large black bear, weighing over 300 pounds, was recently killed a few miles north of Vassar.

—The total number of children in the Reform School is 134. The number admitted during the year is 75, and 97 discharged.

—John Corneline, recently doing business in Grand Rapids as a grocer, has swindled the people of that city to the amount of $18,000. He twice gave bail on the charge of obtaining goods by false pretenses, and still absconded.

—A regular meeting of the Saginaw and Bay Salt Company was held here on the 20th. Seveneighths of the shares being represented. After a full discussion, it was resolved to dissolve the association, it being held that only by unanimous action upon the part of salt manufacturers could the good sought by the organization of the association be attained. It was stated that the association controlled, the past season, only 450,407 barrels out of the 723,437 barrels that constitute the product of the valley for the past year. The dissolution is to take effect on the 1st of January, 1872, from time, salt in the hands of members of the association is received by it, and an advance of 15c per barrel made on it.]

—The editor of the Ingham County *News* has a snow owl—a very rare bird.

—A fortune was said to be the author of "The Beautiful Snow." This sort of thing will tend to become monotonous after a few years.

—A slight-of-hand performer played at Ovid to exactly fifty cents more than his hall rent. If he had announced himself as a "grand prestidigitateur and necromopticer" he would doubtless have drawn a full house.

—Hunters and sportsmen have but another week to pursue their vocation or indulge in the chase. The law, as amended at the last session of the Legislature, protects deer, quails, and wild turkeys after December 31. A fine of $50 and imprisonment is the penalty for violating it.

—At Kalamazoo, Dec. 22, a bold attempt was made to rob Sheldon & Co.'s bank. There were four concerned in the enterprise, and they watched the office till they saw that Mr. Bresee was alone, and then, while one of the scoundrels went in and engaged Mr. B. to figure on a pretended draft or check, the others went around the alley and effected an entrance at the back door. They crept up to the safe, which was open, and took therefrom two packages of what seemed to be bank-bills, but in reality they were only Michigan Railroad bonds. Some one in the store opposite suspected there was wrong doing and sent a person to inquire, when the man who asked Mr. B. to figure for him took occasion to leave, and soon after the robbery was discovered. But the birds had flown.

MINNESOTA.

The public schools of Duluth are reported in a very flourishing condition.

—Petitions are in circulation in Pope County asking the Legislature for a special law authorizing the County Commissioners to issue bonds to the extent of $100,000, to be loaned to the sufferers by fire in that county.

—The seats of the new schoolhouse at Manorville are now being put in place. This completes the building for use.

—Mr. J. J. Sheldon, of Bath, Freeborn County, threshed from fifty acres of land, 1,300 bushels of wheat; fifteen acres of which yielded as high as 37 bushels per acre, which would leave about 21½ bushels as the product per acre of the balance.

—The debt of $9,000 standing against the fine new church edifice of the Episcopal denomination, Red Wing, having been removed through the liberality of some of her citizens, the interesting ceremony of consecration took place on Tuesday of last week, Bishop Whipple officiating. Work was commenced upon this church in the fall of 1869, and it was completed, with the exception of the spire, which is yet to be added, in a little over two years. The total cost up to its present condition has been $23,000.

—At the Alexandria Post Office is a letter which is rapidly making the circuit of the world. It started from Paris, France, in November, directed to George Swartzway, Eighty-seventh Royal Irish Fusileers, Shepherd's Hotel, Alexandria. It has been to Alexandria, Virginia, Louisiana, and Alabama, and finally arrived here. Postmaster Petersen having ascertained that there is a Shepherd's Hotel in Alexandria, Egypt, concluded to forward the strap-hanger to that destination. By the time it reaches the land of the Pharaohs it will have passed through an interesting variety of population and situations.

—Lake City shipped a quarter of a million bushels of wheat less this year than last. Short crops and stock raising are the reasons.

—A Norwegian, 70 years old, at White Bear Lake, had a fight with a big wolf, the most extraordinary fight on record. The varmint took and bite, and he fought—first with a club, then with a pitchfork, and finally he got a rope round the neck of the beast and therewith drew him to a carpenter's vise, into which he screwed his late head. Then he got a gun and killed him.

—J. T. Pingrey, Superintendent of Public Schools for Goodhue County, reports the same in a flourishing condition. There are 123 school houses in the county, valued at $113,000. There are 6,441 persons in the county between the ages of 5 and 21 years.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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...propriations--Chicago's Four Million Edifice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.

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MR. BURCHARD.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard, of Illinois, ...the discriminating eye of Speaker ...has selected for a place on the Ways ...Means Committee, is 56 years old, and a ...f Oswda County, N. Y. His is a ...ed, medium-sized, dark-complexioned ...ed, medium-sized, dark eyes, and slight lisp in ...ith light hazel eyes, and slight lisp in ...s a mustache and goatee. He has ...ressive manner, and is among the ...ostatic statesmen in Congress. The ...ician tells me he is one of the most de... talkers in either House, and that ...ding or since he entered Congress, ...ast two years ago, has been upon sub... relating to political economy.

BURCHARD'S LIFE.

Burchard removed with his father from ...ork to Beloit, Wis., a town which was ...ed by several youngsters since eminent ...ublic life, like Matt Carpenter, Major ...Howe and others. Mr. Burchard's father ...was a Whig and abolitionist, and an original ...ber of the "Liberty party." The present ...man went from Beloit to Hamilton ...ege, New York, situated in the county ...ich he had emigrated. He stayed ...o four years and graduated. ...ter long, he chose Freeport, in Illi... as a permanent residence, and en... into a law partnership there with ...ge J. Turner, who had been a member ...ress in 1862. Burchard settled at ...ort. If I am not mistaken, in 1862. ...as not married, and has one child ...In 1865 he bought out a hardware ...at Freeport and practiced law and ...ercantile business contem... His attention as a lawyer was ...mediately directed to topics ...ancial business. In 1869 he was ...the Legislature of Illinois, and was ...ed at the head of the very impor... mittee on Banks and Corporations. ...ame to Congress, there were ...ancy candidates, and on this occa... second race, there was but one. ...ed in the notion that what is called ...ress" exercises some mysterious po... to develop a town, by ...ing respectable factories in it, ...ng the losses of consumers. Bur... attention was called to tariff ex... 1866, about which time Elihu Wash... his predecessor in Congress, made one ...h extreme stump-harangues for ...h he was famous, claiming that the New ...monopolists were bleeding the ...people to death. At that time there was one ...working travelling agents of the ...Washburne's district, and, anxious ...his money--not British gold, ...Pennsylvania gold--approached ...ard, telling that, as he ...a hardware merchant, he ...ld be willing to help to break up Wash... for his benefactor. The tariff gen... started Burchard to make ...list of names of tariff folks in the ...t, in which a circular could be ...ttacking Washburne, and designa... brigands in the opera with their disgui... At the Burchard, for the first time, ...ed a sense of personal degradation ...to be enlisted as one who could ...e voice of the tariff cheats. He wheel... the interlocutor, and said: "Well, I ...ver admired Washburne in many ...ct, if this is your game--to break ...ge again in the rear--I tell you I ...part in it. I am now a Washburne ...

...the sorry interest of the East, ...would have as bold at all upon the ...ld be installing tackle and ...stumped upon Washburne, lost the ...ue by the attempt to employ him ...ttacker, and he is now a member ...Ways and Means Committee, which ...the vast body of consumers ...ecessary have rights under a republi... instrument.

...ERED IN CONGRESS.

...ard went to Congress in due time; ...e debate upon David A. Wells de... and it was shown that no man could ...k, or hold an office in this ...ho would permit his constitu... be milked by Pennsylvania, Bur... a little zealous, and said, aside, to ...ther colleague on this subject."

"Yes," said Judd. "You will injure ...in some part of your constituency."

...ard absisted for a day or two; but, ...ing warmer, and ...s nose and discharged a speech at ...interest for distributing taxation ...ually that the Illinois farmers were ...to pay the cost of Eastern experiments ...protection. The ...ishighted Western editor was in ...ates at that time, and he remarked ...Burchard had struck the proper ...and he ought to keep up that line. ...rted this to Burchard, and, from ...s this, the quiet Congressman has ...to ascertain the truth on the tariff ...the interests of tax-payers and the ...

...the jawsharp bummers of the ...ress his notions against him in the ...but without any effect. Tariff ...advice to bring home their emis... at present costing them money ...enemies every day. This ques... dangerous muzzle. His name and nativity are ...not ascertained.

ARKANSAS.

The Chicot County Troubles--Shooting Affray.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.--A despatch from Memphis, Tenn., says that reports from Chicot County, Ark., state that the negroes still hold the town, and are pressing in horses and supplies, and had made prisoners of many white men. Fearing that the whites will drive them from the country, they are being reinforced almost daily.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.--A special from Memphis to the *Enquirer* says: "The latest from Chicot states that the negroes have disbanded, among whom the whites returned to their homes. The fifty mentioned have placed themselves under the Sheriff. No fears are entertained as to retablish ...ty of the peace."

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 26.--Rev. W. C. Wallace was shot and killed at Atlanta, Columbia County, on the 20th inst., by a man named Shelman. The latter was drunk and used some insulting language to the family of Mr. Wallace, who the latter was reproved, and Shelman shot and killed him. Shelman made his escape.

A colored man was accidentally shot and killed near Camden, a few days ago.

A man named Bingham, while resisting the Sheriff, was shot and killed in Lafayette County on the 18th inst.

Conway Barbour, colored, Assessor of Chicot County, arrived here to-day. He was at Lake Village when Wynne and the parties charged with killing him were shot. He left there on Friday. He says everything was quiet when he left. No excesses had been committed; that the officers of the law have complete control of affairs. The Governor has not yet heard from his Adjutant General. He will wait for a report from him before taking any action. Christmas passed over unusually quiet.

FOREIGN.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.--A positive denial is given to the report that the Spanish man-of-war Vasco de Nunez fired a blank cartridge at the steamer Florida when she was leaving St. Thomas.

The Conservative newspaper of this city, says that orders had previously been issued to vessels of the Spanish squadron to cease annoying the Florida, and to retire from the vicinity.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.--An Imperial decree appears in print to-day, fixing the conscript for the Russian army for the year 1872 at six men in every 1,000.

ROME, Dec. 25.--The Pope yesterday performed the ceremony of reconciliation in the cases of twenty-eight newly appointed Bishops, including nineteen Italians and three Frenchmen.

LONDON, Dec. 26.--The Sublime Porte, backed by Russia and Austria, is sharply pressing the Government of the Danubians. The principle is the settlements of railway obligations.

LONDON, Dec. 26.--His Majesty, the Emperor William of Germany, will very probably visit the Czar of Russia in St. Petersburg during the coming spring.

The German expedition to Venezuela, S. A., will be commissioned to enforce the national claims against the Government of that South American Republic.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.--The Ontario Parliament is prorogued until January 18. The vacancies in the Ministry will then be filled.

The Late Storm at the West.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.--Bowling Station reports no trains either way since the 21st, and no prospect for any for two or three days.

Laramie Station reports no train since Saturday.

Cheyenne reports three trains lying there for the West.

SHARON SPRINGS, N. Y., Dec. 26.--A terrible gale of wind on Saturday night, carried off the roof of the crected steeple of the Methodist Church, and unroofed other buildings.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Dec. 26.--The recent snowstorm was very severe, indeed, in Northern Iowa, blockading all the railroads, with one exception. Every other remedy, the trains of the Chicago, Dubuque & Minnesota Railroad have made their regular time, being protected from drifts by snow, by a cruel measure, by the kindly aid of the road. There have been no trains from the West into Dubuque, until this evening, since Friday last, except one effectually beat ding the road and breaking down the telegraph, when in every direction.

--Mr. N. B. Everts, the chief engineer of the Iowa Pacific, departed a month or two ago to make a new survey of the proposed Dubuque & Monroe Railway route via Platteville, has returned from the survey, and reports the route far superior to what it was supposed to be when the report of the original survey was made.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Bills Passed Since Nov. 15, 1871.

From Our Special Correspondent.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 26.

The following is a list of the bills which have been passed by the General Assembly since Nov. 15, and some of which have been signed by the Governor. Nearly all of them had been considered and discussed last winter and spring:

House 9--An act to repeal an act entitled "An act to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, entitled Bigamy," passed ...

This provision thus repealed requires the prosecution in a trial for bigamy to prove either marriage by documentary evidence and the parol testimony of a witness of the ceremony. This law, which has allowed the practice of bigamy to be carried on with impunity, was introduced with the intention of facilitating conviction. It, as originally introduced, allowed proof of marriage to be made by documentary or parol evidence; but the Engrossing Clerk changed the "or" into an "and," utterly perverting the intent of the law. The General Assembly would have done as well to have thus amended the section as to have repealed it.

House 126--An act in regard to attachments in courts of record.

This differs from the old law chiefly by verbal alterations,--the only essential variation being that it provides that the defendant may plead, traverse, or the facts stated in the affidavit on which the attachment issued, and if found for the defendant, the attachment shall be quashed, and the suit proceed to final judgment as though commenced by summons.

House 512--An act to restore uniformity in the taxation of real and personal property for all purposes, in the several counties and cities of this State.

Under the operation of special laws, property in Quincy has not hitherto been liable to taxes imposed by Adams County, and it is the object of a portion of this bill to restore uniformity there. At the same time, the constitution, which does not require an act of the Legislature to make it operative, except when it is expressly so stated, says that all taxes imposed by municipal corporations must be uniform in respect to property within the jurisdiction of the body imposing the same. The special laws exempting Quincy from county taxation died in August, 1870.

This bill also affects several counties, by repealing those laws by virtue of which towns have had to provide for paupers, instead of their being a burden on the county at large; the result of which has been, that several cities have supported nearly all the poor of the counties in which they were situated.

House 536--An act to confer jurisdiction to the United States over certain lands, and for the purchase and construction thereof.

The special object of this bill is to enable the General Government to obtain lands for a Custom House, etc., at Chicago, and a lighthouse near Evanston.

Senate 17--An act to regulate the manner of applying for reprieves, commutations, and pardons.

This bill is as follows:

SECTION 1. *Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That every application to the Governor of this State for reprieve, commutation, or pardon, shall be by petition, in writing, filed in the office of the Secretary of state at least four weeks before action is had thereon.

SEC. 2. Notice of such application shall be given to the State's Attorney of the city or county where the alleged offence was committed, at least three weeks before such application is presented to the Governor; and it shall be the duty of the State's Attorney to give such notice by publication in a newspaper printed in prosecuting said party convicted, in order that remonstrance against the granting of the same may be presented.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to file and preserve in the records of his office all such applications and the action had thereon, with the names of all persons who sign the petitions, the remonstrances, if any, against granting the same, together with the reasons for granting or refusing the same, and the Secretary of State shall preserve and keep in his office a book, to be entitled "Record of Applications for Executive Clemency," and shall enter therein a brief statement of each application, the names of which he was requested, the date of the application, and the nature of order of the Governor.

SEC. 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the Governor from granting reprieves in capital cases until such applications can be heard according to law.

Senate 41--An act to repeal "An act to amend An act to levee and make certain improvements on the Wabash River," approved March 1, 1871.

This is a superfluous bill, since the new constitution has swept away all these acts.

Senate 42--An act to repeal "An act concerning consolidation of township in Cook County for school purposes."

This relates to the division of the school fund in the town of Hyde Park.

Senate 70--An act to prohibit domestic animals from running at large in this State.

This law goes into effect Oct. 1, 1872, and it requires a vote of the people of any county before they can get rid of it.

Senate 107--An act to provide for holding regular and special terms of the Cass County Court or more counties in the same circuit at the same time.

Senate 120--An act to authorize and empower the copying of the original field-notes of the United States surveys of the State of Illinois, transferred from the General Government to the State under an act of the Congress of the United States.

This bill appropriates $7,000 to make a full copy of these original notes, many of which are nearly illegible.

Senate 187--An act to repeal an act to vacate the town-plat of the town of Cummington, in Mesopita County, Ill.

It is not very plain what it is hoped to secure by this bill. The repeal of the law vacating the town-plat certainly does not revive the plat.

Senate 237--An act to repeal an act therein named, in relation to scales. Signed.

This act, thus repealed, is one which was passed in 1801, and provides for the testing of all platform-scales weighing over four tons. It was not strictly enforced, for many farmers who had their scales tested, have never had theirs tested; but it did something toward securing honest weights. Its repeal leaves no law on the subject on the statute-books.

Senate 265--An act to appropriate money in aid of the State Board of Agriculture, and of the County Agricultural Societies.

This law appropriates $3,000 for the next two years to be expended in premiums, and $100 is given each County Board for the same purpose. This bill takes effect on the county of Jul July, 1872, and thus attempts to make appropriations for two years from that time; while the constitution requires this Legislature to make appropriations for the first quarter of the fiscal year after the adjournment of the first regular session of the next General Assembly, which would be about July, 1873, and provides that all appropriations shall end with such fiscal quarter.

Senate 291--An act to make an appropriation to complete the north wing of the Southern Insane Asylum. Signed.

This appropriates $65,000.

Senate 295--An act to establish the salary of the Lieutenant Governor. Signed.

This law, which fixes the salary of officer $1,200, expires in 1873, and, therefore, applies only to the present incumbent. A majority of the House are in favor of $1,000; but, since Governor Dongherty had received nothing as yet, but limited the operation of the law ...

The Relief Furnished by South Bend, Ind.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 23.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The people of this city, I think, are not a "jealous people," yet they have a desire for fairness not easily repressed.

Immediately after the great disaster to Chicago, an impromptu, but very full, meeting was held at our Court House. Resolutions of sympathy and relief were passed, and reasonable subscriptions were at once made. Others followed, until nearly $2,000 was upon the list. Remember that Vice President Colfax put down a hundred, and the Studebaker Bros. Manufacturing Company gave fifty barrels of flour. Other good sized sums were heartily subscribed. Immediately, a large shipment of cooked provisions was despatched, and then another, and then another, with great promptitude. The stores of our city were nearly exhausted of blankets and quilts, and these were sent. But for all this, what?

In the published report, this week, of your Mayor's Committee, South Bend is graciously credited with the extraordinary amount of $6.84!

Now, we are not an ostentatious people, nor do we do good to be seen of men; yet, when it pleases the chosen almoners of a world's bounty to place these charities before the public, we think the contemptible position in which we are placed; and the question naturally arises, If other localities are treated in like manner, where has our gifts gone?

We have yet on hand several hundred dollars in cash, held in bank as a reserve for the Indiana-ost days yet to come to Chicago. If the pitiful sum of $6.84 alone been received heretofore, perhaps it were better that what we remain be distributed in the vicinity of the disaster, and diverted to some other place or use than to return to the donors.

I am urged by many kind and liberal persons to inquire, through your excellent paper, what is the duty? Truly,

T. G. TURNER.

[If Mr. Turner had read THE TRIBUNE of Saturday last, he would have found itedterially stated that "The Chicago Aid and Relief Society, as a matter of course, only acknowledges what was received by it, and has nothing to do with the countless contributions made in all parts of the country to other societies and to private persons."

--EDITOR TRIBUNE.]

"Honor to Whom Honor is Due."

LAGRO, Ill., Dec. 23.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In your issue of the 19th inst., I notice an article from the Whitehall *Register*, claiming that one Hiram Holliday was mustered into the service at an age considerably over 60 years, which all will admit, is a pretty old age for any one having to endure hardships and privations such as are peculiar to the life of a soldier. But there is in Lagro, Ill., in the person of Jesse Whittaker, a man who was born in Shelby County, Ky., June 20, 1798; served in the war of 1812, in Captain John Cunningham's company of Kentucky Mounted Volunteers; was in the battle of New Orleans, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war; took a claim which he served in Vigo County, Ind., where he raised a company for the Mexican War, but the call was filled before their being mustered into the service. He moved to Cass County, Ill., in 1836, where ten years afterward, being sworn in proved to be enlisted as a private in Company B, Seventy-ninth Regiment Illinois Volunteers. On the memorable 22d of September, when fifty-six of his comrades fell dead from hot and overwhelming fire, he came off without harm. From Leesburg, Ky., he went with the regiment to Lexington, thence to Perryville, taking parts in the battle fought there. He was in all the principal battles of nearly one million, he never rode a mule, was always on duty, and, besides his own luggage, carried for six days the gun and knapsack of a comrade who was unable to carry them. Continuing with the regiment until it was returned to mustering-out service, he was taken sick, and sent to the hospital at Louisville, where he was honorably discharged, and returned to Lagro, where he still resides.

Jesse Whittaker is highly esteemed by the citizens of Lagro, was for several years a justice of the peace, and is now a notary public. Immediately after the war, he went to Missouri and to the people who have pensioned him.

Now, if any one knows of an older volunteer in the late war, or an American soldier who has served in more wars, or one that can show a better record than Uncle Jesse Whittaker, we should like to hear from him.

AMUSEMENTS.

CLOSE THEATRE.

The Globe Theatre opened the week with an immense attendance on Christmas. It was estimated that about five thousand people were present during the two performances. In the afternoon "Uncle Sam" and "Smike" were given, and in the evening "Uncle Sam" and "Theatricles Bungs," the latter a beautiful spectacular holiday piece adapted from the old English tradition. It embraces the full strength of the company in the cast, and is a handsome and extremely creditable production in the matter of scenic display. It will be given until further notice.

MICHIGAN AVENUE.

The old original Wyndham, "Castle," with but two exceptions, was reproduced at the Michigan Avenue Theatre, on Christmas afternoon and evening, and large and fashionable audiences witnessed the restart of this favorite in that popular role; and by no means withheld approval from the new impersonators. The piece goes off with all of its former finish and dash; and it is gratifying to record that the management has right determined to continue it throughout the present week.

ARLINGTON'S MINSTRELS.

The gentlemen in card at the West Side Opera House have not been forgotten in the holiday rush to amusements; the cozy little theatre has been densely packed so far this week, and the bill is an exceptionally fine one; replete with the richest humors of minstrelsy, and calling out in full strength of the large and talented company. For a rare evening's fun there need be no hesitation in dropping in at Arlington's.

PRESENTATION.

On Christmas morning, at rehearsal, Mr. T. Charles Howard, of the Globe Company, was agreeably overcome by the reception of a handsome full gold medal, with accompanying massive chain, the work of Peacock's highest style of design and workmanship, the gift of the dramatic profession of Chicago, in recognition of his zealous and effective labors in their behalf subsequent to the great fire. On the medal is the following inscription: "Testimonial to Mr. T. Charles Howard, from the Dramatic Profession of Chicago, who have admired of the Queen Fire, for his untiring efforts in their behalf;" and on the reverse the words: "Globe Theatre, Chicago, Dec. 25, 1871." Mr. Howard is visiting Texas, and the Globe was the pleasantest imaginable to all concerned.

AMUSEMENTS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

Why is whatever of dramatic talent we may possess has been largely educated by the *critiques* function to time found in your columns, upon the performances which have favored the West during the last half dozen years?

Amusements in New York always remind me of a "social party." The question, in the query is, among so many substitutes, which has most substance, among so many good wines which is the greatest? The result is a plunge in ennui and a retirement after a well-fought battle with "a feeling of sadness and longing" that is rather "akin to pain."

Richo! how things change. Eight years or more ago I spent some days in New York, and then, as now, improved each shining hour. How it capped with astonishment at the curiosities of Barnum's, and cried over the little gems of dramatic pathos, and grew fat on the "Black Crook." Then how I laughed with delight at the pantomime and burlesque over which Laura Keene presided. And Wallack's my young soul was wrapped up by the concentralities of *Marlow*, the unparalleled stupidity of *Tony Lumpkin*, and the bewitching sentimentality of *Mrs. Hardcastle* in that best of English comedies, "She Stoops to Conquer." The "Duke's Motto," with Wheatley in the leading role, and Lester Wallack's "Rosedale" and "Last Letter" were made after the fire had spared me the city, and gone beyond human control. The simple question is, Why was it not subdued while in its infancy? I am informed that fifty one persons have testified, and nine hundred pages of testimony been written, and no positive information has as yet been gained of the operations of the Fire Department at the commencement of the disastrous fire. Very respectfully,

A FIREMAN.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

Mr. James Smith, of Washington, who so mysteriously disappeared from his home over two weeks since, had not been found up to last accounts, although his son has been searching for him, and detectives have been put to work. An inventory of all the stock in his business is being taken, and new business will be carried on as usual until some clue to the missing gentleman can be obtained.

--Further reduction of the mechanics employed at the Rock Island Arsenal has taken place for want of funds to carry on the work. Thirty-seven hands in the machine and blacksmith shops and foundry have been dismissed, only the foreman being retained in the latter. A number of carpenters have also been allowed to leave. The stone cutters have so arranged their labor as to work on half time--one-half of the force being employed one week, the other the next, and so alternating during the winter. Several hundred laborers and scores of teams are still at work on this water-power canal.

--Mr. Leib, of Quincy, whose son Freddie has been missing for some time, has gone to Kansas City to identify a lad supposed to be the lost child.

--An Astile or snowy owl was shot near Alton last week.

--Within the last two years Lincoln has lost $200,000 by three fires.

--The Champaign Poor House boasts of an occupant aged 103 years.

IOWA.

The Cedar Valley Seminary at Osage is to be enlowed. Agents are in the field for that purpose.

--A man in Keokuk County tried to drive a herd of cattle across the river, the other day. When the ice broke up, they expect to find most of the animals.

--A cut-stone water-tank, 60 feet high, is now going, is building at Ottumwa.

--Fifty dollars, all in 10-cent pieces were taken at the Steeple Fair, in Dubuque, as entrance money, on Saturday.

--Beef 2 3-4 cents a pound at Sioux City, and corn-fed at that price.

--Deadmules grumbles at giving $1.50 per ton for coal.

--Winter has no more room in its blind asylum.

--Mr. Pleasant tired, fed, educated, and admired the first female lawyer in the United States.

--The Agricultural College at Ames, Story County, has 336 students, the quota of sixty-one counties of the State.

--Mrs. Laura A. Berry, who was the first lady appointed Notary Public in this State, and who has also been Deputy Recorder of Story County, is a candidate for Engrossing Clerk of the Senate, at the next Legislature.

--Dubuque is to pay Elisha Riggs, on Jan. 1, $71,250.76, due on the old Corcoran bonds.

--Isaac Cooper, of DesMoines, is to build forty tenement houses on his property on Fifth and Sycamore streets, next spring, with all modern improvements. This will evidently do away with all hopes of opening Fifth street.

WISCONSIN.

The old settlers of Chippewa Falls and vicinity held a grand reunion on Tuesday last, in honor of the completion of the West Wisconsin Railway to Hudson.

--The list of improvements made in La Crosse during the year 1871 foots up $408,917.22. The costliest building was erected by Weston & Moes --Home block, 80x106 feet, for $36,000.

--Miss Linda Gilbert will lecture at Milwaukee on Thursday evening, on "Ten Years in a State Prison."

--A Berlin lady, absorbed in conversation in front of one of the stores, inadvertently stepped back through a $75 light of glass.

--Captain Knapp went out hunting from Osceola, recently, and shot three deer before he had been from home three hours.

--It is claimed that the LaCrosse Lumbering Company will get out this winter from 50,000,000 to 75,000,000 feet of lumber.

--Mrs. Cheever built the first house in Prairie, thirteen years ago, and also built the first house in the village after the fire. The house was commenced Saturday after the fire.

--The colored people of Fond du Lac have been holding a series of meetings in their church the past week. They have a colored female preacher from abroad, who is said to eclipse Mrs. Van Cott.

INDIANA.

Woman's rights were fairly exemplified at South Bend a few days ago. A woman, who never heard of Victoria Woodhull or Lucy Stone, killed three hogs, hung them up and dressed them without any help whatever from any lord of creation.

--A farmer in Warren County set a steel trap for a cork thief, and next morning found his game secure. The poor victim had the part of the hand in the trap frozen. He had reached in from the outside of the cribb, and of course when caught, was powerless to release himself. The trapper invited the neighbors to come in and view the prize before releasing him, but he pleaded business elsewhere and declined the offer.

--The LaFayette street railroad was sold at Sheriff's sale, Saturday morning, to H. S. Mayo, for $50, subject to a certain to ascertain amount of debts.

--A most distressing scene was witnessed, last Saturday night, at Gosport, Ind. Mr. Davis married a daughter of John E. Fuller, Esq., all of that place, some five weeks previously, and on Saturday evening Mr. Davis told his wife he had been invited to attend a spelling-match at a country school-house, a few miles distant, and that he proposed to go, expecting to meet many friends there. His wife told him if he went she would blow her brains out. He supposed it was only a bit of badinage, and thought no more of it. On returning about o'clock he found the threat literally accomplished.

--The Board of School Trustees of Terre Haute has ordered that, after Jan. 10, no child not vaccinated shall be permitted to enter the public schools.

--At 4 o'clock on Friday morning the planing mill of Beaver, Miller & Co., at Fort Wayne, was destroyed by fire, causing an estimated loss of $25,000.

KANSAS.

John Dudley, of St. Anthony, is the veteran lumberman of Minnesota. He was born in the State of Maine, and is now 81 years of age. Since the early age of 14 he has been actively engaged in logging. Not a year has passed that he has not seen active service in the woods. For nearly half a century he has joined a score or more of men in slaughtering the monarchs of the forest. Commencing in Maine he worked himself into Michigan, thence across Lake Michigan and the State of Wisconsin into Minnesota, where he has been for fifteen years. During all those laborious years he has never met with an accident, however trivial. His men have been almost equally fortunate, no fatal accidents ever having occurred.

--The people of Jordon, Scott County, are moving to effect a removal of the county seat from Shakespeare to their town.

--Mr. Benjamin Lawrence, who lives near Plainview, feeds sugar beets to his cows, and as a consequence makes winter butter that is as bright and yellow as that which is made in sunny June.

--The St. Cloud *Times* says: "There are at this time nearly one thousand saddles of venison in this place awaiting shipment. Large quantities have already been sent to the East. If the present law regarding the sending of venison outside the State is inoperative, one should be passed by the next Legislature which can be enforced; or, at the present rate at which deer are being slaughtered, but a few more years will be required to exterminate them."

--Judge A. A. Harwood, editor of the Mower County *Register*, is a candidate for Secretary of the Senate. Mr. Solberg, editor of the *Minnesota*, published at Minneapolis, is a candidate for Assistant Secretary of the Senate. Major Hotchkiss, editor of the Preston *Republican*, is a candidate for Secretary of the Senate. C. H. Rincum, editor of the St. Charles *Herald*, is a candidate for Chief Clerk of the House. George H. Walsh, editor of the New Ulm *Pionideer*, is a candidate for Assistant Clerk of the House, and would fill the place well. Mr. Sharpe, editor of the Wabasha *Herald*, is a candidate for Enrolling Clerk of the Senate.

Fire-Proof Roofs.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: I notice an article in your issue of the 19th inst., on fire-proof roofs, signed "S." The writer of that article is of the opinion that slate laid in cement would be fire-proof. I presume the public are aware of the fact that, in case of a fire, slate are no protection, as, when they become heated, they crack and silver into small pieces.

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THE FAILING INSURANCE COMPANIES.

One of our insurance lawyers, who represents a million dollars or more of insurance policies in suspended Eastern companies, and who has been at New York, Hartford, and other cities spying out the situation, writes in to-day's TRIBUNE a report of his observations. His statements will be found of great interest to "victims." The committee appointed to work up this insurance business failed to accomplish their object, not through any lack of energy or sagacity on their part, but because no unity of action on the part of policy-holders could be developed. Now it is every man for himself, and Mr. Carter's facts will doubtless be found of value to the holders of the nearly $20,000,000 of claims against the four cities of New York, Hartford, Providence, and Boston. Meantime, let our merchants be organizing into an association of sufficient cohesiveness and authority to render something like united action,—something of a defensive alliance,—the benefits of which will be of avail in the next emergency.

THE COST OF WOODEN BUILDINGS.

The wooden buildings going up in Chicago, by authority and against authority of law, are attracting wide-spread attention. The Cincinnati *Commercial* says:

> The wooden improvements in Chicago are causing some of the most reliable insurance companies to withdraw risks from that city. The erection of frame structures for temporary purposes is inevitable, but it is absolutely necessary that the permanent new buildings should be of brick. In addition to her material losses, Chicago cannot afford to lose the public confidence.

But then Chicago has, like all other places, a set of governors who care more to retain their places in the Board of Aldermen than to do what is right, or to act for the interest of the very people of whom they profess to be afraid.

It is conceded that Chicago can never become permanently built so long as every man is at liberty to erect pine buildings wherever he pleases. No man will build a permanent structure as long as it may be surrounded by tinder-boxes. Every frame building put up postpones the erection of brick buildings within an area of 500 feet square; every frame building put up within 400 feet of a brick building injures the latter in value, increases the risk, and destroys a portion of its rental. Every wooden building erected increases the general risk of conflagration, and adds to the general rate of insurance. Insurance rates in Chicago are higher than in any other city of like size, and the sole reason is the increased risk of an extensive conflagration from wooden buildings. A general estimate of $300,000,000, which was the insurable value of property in this city before the fire, will satisfy any person of the immense importance of any addition to the rate of insurance. At an average rate of one per cent, the premium amounts to $3,000,000 annually. The addition of one-quarter adds $750,000, and one-half $1,500,000 to the annual tax. It is safe to establish that we paid before the fire an average of one-third per cent more for insurance than we would have paid had it not been for the great number of wooden buildings, and the wide-spread territory covered by them. In ten years this tax paid by the people would purchase all the frame buildings in Chicago, and replace them with brick ones. The people of this city are taxed annually in an immense sum to pay for the chances of a great fire. It would be an economy to pay out of the public treasury the supposed difference in the cost of the two kinds of buildings.

So long as we persist in surrounding the city, on the south, west, and north, with wooden buildings, in a belt one mile or more deep, so long will we be compelled to pay this excessive insurance.

The structures erected since the fire on the West Side, and most of them within the fire lin its, are particularly abominable. They have done more to injure the permanent occupation of that part of the city for business than all the efforts of the owners in the burned district. They have prevented the erection of permanent buildings, and perpetuated the reign of unsightly, unsubstantial shanties upon all the streets which might have otherwise become substantial business thoroughfares. It will, perhaps, require in Chicago, as it did in Pittsburgh and San Francisco, two or three conflagrations to teach the lesson that there can be no permanent building until wooden structures are prohibited.

POLICE REFORM.

The proposition made in the Board of Police Commissioners, to ask a reduction of the salaries of the three Commissioners from $3,500 to $500 each, is worthy of consideration. The Commissioners frankly acknowledge that they have no duties to perform which justifies such salaries, and that $500 each would be a fair compensation. The old system of having salaries fixed by law of the State interferes sadly with any attempt at reform. As, under the constitution, the salary of no officer can be reduced during the term for which he is elected, there is no way of reaching this case except as was done by the Board of Public Works, abolish the office, and provide hereafter for the appointment of the members by the Mayor and Council.

The public will take notice, with some satisfaction, that the trials of policemen are no longer mere farces. Instead of suspending men a day or two, or forfeiting a few days' pay, offenders guilty of official misconduct are promptly dismissed. There is no reason why the discipline of the police force should not be as strict as that of the military. The police ought to be a body of disciplined men, who, under proper sergeants and captains, could perform all the duties of a military police in case of an emergency. To reach such a degree of perfection as this will, however, require the removal of many incompetents, and the cultivation of a higher spirit, and a more elevated idea of duty, than now prevail in the force.

THE POPE'S ROMAN TENURE.

Recent foreign advices show that the position of the Pope in Rome is growing interesting. The French papers periodically announce that His Holiness is on the eve of leaving the Holy City. M. Thiers, not wanting him in Paris at present, for fear of political embarrassments, suggests that he can go to Corsica, where he can be perfectly at home and enjoy his ease with dignity. The Papal admirers in France insist that he shall come thither, so that they can take him back at the head of a victorious army,—an idea worthy of the fertile brain of Don Quixote, when the present military inefficiency of France, and the fact that one fraction of the worn-out army is just now engaged in shooting the other, are considered. One party demands that he shall leave Rome, under the specious plea that he cannot properly exercise his spiritual functions under Italian rule. The Jesuit Society is not altogether unselfish in this advice, however, as their own days in Rome are undoubtedly numbered, and their expulsion, by the Italian Parliament a mere matter of time. Added to all this, the Pope is embarrassed with the double diplomatic representation in the same city, the Italian Government allowing him representatives whom they will respect; their instructions, however, permitting them only to treat spiritual matters and not interfere with temporal.

In the midst of all these counsellors, whose multitude only makes confusion, the Pope seems to be the only one who has his common sense about him. He confines himself sedulously to the Vatican, and shrugs his shoulders at the French journals. He thanks M. Thiers for his advice, but does not act upon it, and undoubtedly has his private opinion, which is shared by many others, that what M. Thiers does not recommend is much wiser than what he does recommend. He is too old a man to be dazzled with any romantic escapade from Rome for the sake of returning with a French military escort. Things are now changed, and the chances are quite equal that French troops might not get across the Italian frontier any further than they did across the German. As far as the Jesuit policy is concerned, His Holiness seems to be entirely indifferent. He probably knows his own business best. There certainly never was a time when the spiritual affairs of the Church seemed to be more flourishing. He has made several new saints of late; has sent his messengers in every direction, even to the Sultan, on Papal affairs; has issued encyclical letters, briefs, congratulations, and protests without any temporal interruption, and has been free to receive embassies of every character from all parts of the world, and there is no weakening of the spiritual bonds which connect him with the Church of which he is the head. The concern felt for him by his friends he does not seem to share himself, and that he will ever leave the Eternal City, except by force, is entirely problematical. It is equally uncertain whether that force will ever be employed against a purely spiritual administration. That the Jesuits will be expelled from Rome, as they have been expelled frequently before, even by Popes, may be a matter of necessity, as it has been considered by other countries at different times in the history of the Church.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IN 1871.

The annual imports at New York for the 11 months ending Nov. 30 show that the large trade of last year has not declined.

The value of imports during that period, compared with the corresponding months of previous years, is thus shown:

	1868.	1870.	1871.
Ent. for con'm	$143,354,438	$135,014,497	$190,443,997
Ent. for war'h	115,479,499	110,186,802	191,998,737
Free goods	13,641,840	12,666,031	20,403,981
Specie & bull'n	15,473,681	11,533,106	6,126,407
Tot ent. at port	$287,951,458	$292,400,378	$350,494,132
Withdr'n from Warehouse	102,489,184	106,063,953	113,482,610

The duties are collected only on those goods withdrawn from warehouse, and the collections are thus compared:

	1868.	1870.	1871.
Duties	$143,623,777	$127,514,809	$180,723,612

The exports during the same period of 11 months show the following comparative result:

	1868.	1870.	1871.
Dom. produce	$149,984,992	$166,566,411	$206,774,548
For. free goods	271,292	330,703	1,076,434
Do dutiable	6,312,010	6,326,782	7,018,357
Specie and bull'n	30,973,548	34,750,696	61,81[illegible]
Total exports	$187,541,888	$222,246,903	$276,725,607
Do exclusive of specie	176,567,830	176,190,407	214,894,253

About 70 per cent of the entire imports of the country are received at the port of New York, and, unless this percentage has been very much increased, the value of the imports of 1871 will largely exceed those of any preceding year in the history of the country. The increase in the value of domestic productions exported is forty millions of dollars, against an increase of imports entered for consumption of thirty-seven millions.

BEECHER ON CHURCH AND STATE.

Mr. Beecher, if he is correctly reported by telegraph, made, at the annual New England banquet at New York, on the 23d inst., some very original remarks,—a thing quite unusual at banquets, but by no means unusual with Beecher. After duly eulogizing the virtues of the Pilgrim Fathers, the reverend speaker "turned," it is said, "to politics, and said they should be preached from the pulpit as much as the Gospel, as the Pilgrim Fathers did, and he approved their ideas in this regard. He regretted that the Government and the Church had come to be so far separated as they were." If Mr. B. had meant by this that there is not enough religion, or, rather, morality, in government, nowadays, no one would have been disputed by any careful observer of the times; but, if he means that a connection of the machinery of the Church with the machinery of the State in this country would be desirable—but Mr. Beecher cannot have entertained any such notion as that. If the history of past ages has not furnished a sufficient fund of evidence of the double demoralization produced by such a monopoly, the present age has in England, and the last century in exhibition afforded by the Church-and-State combination of King Brigham in Utah, ought to keep the Pastor of Plymouth from invoking, even in the gushing post-prandial moments, any more of the same sort. We will join Mr. Beecher, however, most heartily in a demand for an infusion of a moral element into politics, which is to be accomplished chiefly through reforming the government, both in its legislative and administrative departments, by peremptory measures against jobbing, whether of offices or grants.

The exploit of the Buffalo Board of Trade, in spurning the Detroit Convention with its foot (that is, refusing to send a delegate to it), and, at the same time beseeching it, through a third party, not to do or resolve anything toward the construction of the Niagara Ship Canal, is thus appropriately commented on by the Boston *Commercial Bulletin:*

> The most remarkable of all the grossly absurd and palpably untrue reasons which it (the Buffalo Board) gives for opposing this great improvement, is, that any appropriation by Congress for this purpose would be in the nature of a Federal subsidy granted to force trade out of its natural channels into artificial ones. The truth is, the strifes us that this opposition comes with rather an ill grace from a city whose Congressional representatives have been laboring for years—importuning Congress in season and out of season—to have the General Government assume the cost and responsibility of enlarging the Erie Canal, for the special benefit of themselves and the merchants of New York, without regard to the rights of other routes, or the claims of other Atlantic cities.

The convention seems to have taken practically the same view of the subject, for it passed resolutions warmly favoring the project, and urging Congress to ask New York for a grant of the land necessary to be occupied by the proposed canal. Such grant will, of course, be opposed by Buffalo and other Erie Canal influences in the New York Legislature, and will, undoubtedly, be quite difficult to obtain, except on condition of a Congressional bounty for the enlargement of the Erie Canal—a course which would justify Congress in seizing, under its own unquestioned right, the necessary territory.

The enlargement of the Niagara and St. Lawrence Canals is one of the inevitable events of the next few years; and while the interests of Iowa like Buffalo may, as they will, lie in maintaining for the Erie Canal a monopoly of ten times as much business as it can accommodate, those towns should be made to understand that they cannot do this by opposing the construction of all rival routes, but must head them off by making their particular route sufficiently commodious for all; and the more any of these canals are aided by private enterprise, and the less by government subsidy, the more they will commend themselves to the support of the West.

Evidently a rule of the State Department which should weed out of the diplomatic service every foreign Minister who is identified with American stocks sold in the European markets, would leave us a very slim corps on the Continent, as well as eradicate our English Legation entirely. General Sickles' errand hither from Spain appears to be connected directly with his interests as a shareholder in the Atlantic & Great Western Railway. Sickles, like Schenck, claims to have been offered a $25,000 railroad Presidency, which he declined for the sake of the first-class mission; but, though he declined the Presidency, Sickles did not sell his stock, and has now come home to help his fellow-shareholders fight Fisk. He will not, however, feel called upon to resign his mission, as he does not appear professionally in the lawsuits which are being instituted. Sickles and the English stockholders with whom he is associated—James McHenry being the chief among them—represent nearly 150,000 shares of the Erie stock, and a large amount of Great Western. They will co-operate with the Heath and Raphael party, and General Sickles expresses complete confidence in their ability to overthrow Fisk and Gould and their nefarious ring. Meantime, as all the real business of American diplomacy, especially in Spain, is usually transacted by the Secretary of Legation, we trust that the interests of this country in Spain and the West Indies will not suffer while the Minister is looking after his railway interests. If they should, and if, at the same time, Mr. Sickles contributes essentially toward overthrowing Erie, we can forgive him. Erie does this country more harm every year, both at home and abroad, than all the bloodthirsty Cubans who can be crowded on the "ever faithful" isle.

The publishers of *Every Saturday* have already announced that, on and after Jan. 26, the illustrated features of that paper will cease. In the meantime, the proprietors seem determined to show, in the few remaining issues, what can be done in the way of high art. Oliver Wendell Holmes appears upon the first page as a mild sort of gorilla, or a bummer just coming in from a night's spree. The face resembles a bird's-eye view of that part of Africa traversed by Dr. Livingston, and the hair and beard protrude in every possible direction from eyes, nose, and mouth. We are disposed to look upon the portrait as a huge joke upon the Doctor, who will undoubtedly reply to it in the next number of "The Poet at the Breakfast Table." "An Emigrant Surprised by Winter" would undoubtedly be an effective picture if either the winter or the emigrant could be discovered in the huge daubs of black which spread over the whole page. There is also a double-page picture of witchcraft in 1871, which, being a conundrum, we at once give up. The climax is reached in "The Home of the Otter," which would undoubtedly have been a superb picture if it had not been printed from the wrong side of the block. If the proprietors of *Every Saturday* have anything in store worse than this, we hope they will bring it all out at once, and not let the poor thing linger any longer.

Russia is to have an international exhibition, to commence on the 11th of next June, —the 200th anniversary of the birth of Peter the Great,—and to be devoted to polytechnic subjects. Special attention will be paid to apparatus for heating and illuminating; but such articles as nails, screws, buttons, needles, wire, combs, gold chains, hooks and eyes, steel pens, ropes, twine, paper, silk stuffs, velvets, ribbons, &c., will have places in the exhibition. Entries must be made before the 13th proximo, which will leave American inventors and manufacturers but a few days more in which to offer their contributions, even by telegraph. The notice to the American public seems to have been inadequate, owing, perhaps, to some neglect on the part of Curtin or Cataeazy, the latter of whom has had other Fish to fry. The exhibition will not, probably, be equal to that of Paris, in 1867, but will be second only to that in extent. Its interest for Americans generally will, perhaps, be heightened by the fact that our guest, the Grand Duke Alexis, is honorary President of the exhibition.

Tennyson "writes for it" now. We refer, of course, to Bonner's *Ledger*, the English laureate having contributed, to the first number for 1872, a short ode, supposed to have been spoken, in 1782, by a liberal Englishman to Britannia. It enjoins the "strong mother of a lion line" to

> Be proud of those strong sons of thine,
> Who wrench'd their rights from thee!

and asks:

> What wonder, if in noble heat
> Those men thine arms withstood,
> Actaught the lesson they had taught, etc.

—which prompts the American reader to remind Mr. Tennyson, in a spirit of international courtesy, that the Revolutionary fathers are not quite willing to acknowledge that the principles which formed the cornerstone of the edifice which they strove to build were derived at second-hand from England. They may claim, on the contrary, that the "strong mother" was, herself, taught by them a valuable lesson in the management of her colonies,—a lesson, moreover, by the loss of which, England would not now have a square acre of colony left worth having.

A paper was recently read before the Royal Geological Society of Dublin, stating that Captain Edwards, of the Neptune, in a passage from Quebec to Liverpool, found his vessel enveloped in the smoke and ashes, as he believes, of the burned Chicago. He reports that on the 12th of October, at sea in lat. 46 deg. north, long. 36 deg. west, at about 4 p. m. he was struck by a storm from the west, he observed a dense fog on the western horizon, which gradually came up and surrounded the vessel. From the fog coming up with the ship until its clearing off, both the Captain and crew noticed a strong smell of wood, the men felt their eyes irritated, and the decks were strewn with a fine dust. At this time, the ship was more than 2,000 miles from Chicago. This is consoling for losers in the burned district. Several things have been missing since Oct. 9, and owners of frame buildings in the North Division prize to that time may be glad to know that they have suffered a sea change into something rich and strange.

A paragraph was recently printed in THE TRIBUNE, giving the details of the recent strike of the English railway employes. Later intelligence shows that several meetings of the discontented parties have been held, at the last one of which the men asked for a reduction of an hour each day, making the whole week's time fifty-four hours. A disinterested person was selected to make an adjustment with the railroad officials, and, after several consultations with them, they passed a resolution that the ordinary week's work of sixty hours should be further reduced to seven hours, thus making the week's work fifty-seven hours, instead of sixty-one as heretofore. The employes accepted the action of the officials, and thanked them for the handsome manner in which they had met the demand, and the whole affair ended pleasantly.

If the Revenue bill now pending before the Legislature were not of such terrible import, many of its provisions might perhaps be criticised. The bill is of enormous length, and has the most extraordinary and profound machinery for making false swearings general. A striking case of this kind is in the schedule of personal property which each person shall make for the Assessor, and which shall be sworn to by the person making it. He is to swear to the number, amounts, quantity, and quality of each item of property. Among these items is "every fire and burglar-proof safe." Each owner of a safe has to swear that it is "fire and burglar-proof." As no provision is made for taxing any other safe, unless the owner can swear that his safe is fire-proof and burglar-proof, which, perhaps, not one person in a thousand can do, safes escape taxation altogether.

The telegraph says that Tweed has disappeared. Now that the Head Centre of the Ring has fled the wrath to come, it is highly probable that all his puppets and tools will follow suit, and that there will be a general exodus of rogues. Having gleaned out the municipal thieves, the Citizens', Committee should set Charles O'Conor at work on the railroad thieves, and start Fisk and his gang of railroad-stealers out of the city, and thus commence the new year with reform in the city government, in the Gold Room and Stock Board, and in the railroad corporations.

The new Mayor is thorough-going in his reform measures. Hitherto our Mayors have contented themselves with proclaiming that unmuzzled dogs shall be killed. Mayor Medill has improved upon this by proclaiming that they shall not only be killed, but buried. As in times past the dead dog has often been a greater nuisance than the mad dog, Mayor Medill's addendum is sensible as well as hygienic.

A correspondent, writing from Washington, signing himself A. Watson, claims that the credit of the Signal plan for observing and reporting storms does not belong to General Myer, but to the late English Rear Admiral Fitzroy; that our system is precisely the same as his; and that the details of it may be found in Fitzroy's "Weather Book," a work to be had in any first-class library.

It is but a few days since, that considerable excitement was caused at New York by the arrival of three English convicts who had been furnished with passage-money by the English authorities. New York has retaliated in kind, by making Canada a penal colony. Sweeney and Garvey have already arrived there, and the telegraph informs us that the third convict, Tweed, has just started.

The intelligence will be received with general regret that Hackett, the veteran actor, is dangerously ill. There is probably no actor in this country, unless it be Mr. Jefferson, who has made himself so thoroughly known by a one-character personation as Mr. Hackett has, with his inimitable representation of Sir John Falstaff; and thousands who have laughed over his picture of the fat rogue will join us in the hope that he may yet live many years to enjoy his crop of mock. In private as well as professional life, Mr. Hackett has hosts of personal friends. He is a man of fortune and culture, an enthusiastic patron of literature and the fine arts, and the projector of the Shakspeare statue in Central Park, New York. Of late he has appeared but infrequently upon the stage, as he is advanced in years, the oldest actor, we believe, in America, and is not dependent upon his profession for a living. At his extreme age, the chances for recovery are very dubious, but his admirers, whose name is legion, will earnestly pray that the fine old actor and gentleman may remain with us yet a while longer.

PERSONAL.

General Spinner has found that women are more honest than men.

—The sale of Theodore Tilton's biography of Victoria Woodhull has been prohibited in Germany.

—It is said that a Washington negro is negotiating for the purchase of the Calhoun homestead in South Carolina.

—In a letter to the New York *Times* concerning the surroundings of San Francisco, Grace Greenwood remarks that when the seals on the rocks in front of the Cliff House are all barking at once, it pleasantly reminds one of the House of Representatives.

—A correspondent of a Liverpool paper suggests that the illness of Prince Albert Edward and of the other parties may have been due to the eating of tainted game, since, he says, "it is well known that game-live at this season on berries and seeds, which render their flesh poisonous."

—Madame Musiciani, who claims relationship with one of Napoleon's great Marshals, edits the "Magnolia," a New Orleans magazine.

—The English papers report that the Princess of Wales has suffered from an attack from the same poison as the Prince. It was caught at the same time, but her life has never been in danger.

—Bishop Dupanloup has been engaged in a war of words with Gambetta, anent the latter's speech on education. The Bishop informs him that even his own party dubbed his tenure of office "a dictatorship of incapacity."

—Mr. Ballou, for some years identified with a successful Boston magazine, is announced as about to organize a gree newspaper in Boston, which shall "aim to do for Boston what the *Tribune*, *World*, and *Herald* do for New York." The capital is said to be ready, and the site of the *Transcript* secured for the new paper's publication office.

The city laborers, in New York, don't mention "the Boss" any more, though they refer frequently to "ould Bill."

—Theodore Tilton is said to be making arrangements to bring out Helen Mansfield as a lecturer on the woman's rights question.

—The Prince de Beaufremont, Minister, Foyer-Quartier has a refreshing way of relieving the burden of debt forced on France by the Prussians. In a speech delivered recently at the wedding feast of his daughter, when 1,200 of his workmen were present, he said that every hour's work in the whole country represented a milliard a year, and therefore the whole five milliards due to Prussia might be paid off in five years by only an hour's extra work.

—The Hon. Reuben Davis, of Aberdeen, Miss., reported killed by Colonel Fisk and others, the same State, is not Jefferson Davis' brother, and they are not related at all. Jeff's only brother, Joseph Davis, died a year or two ago.

—Quimbo Appo, the Chinaman who was convicted of murdering his wife in New York, some time ago, but escaped with a term of imprisonment, was on trial, the other day, for feloniously assaulting an Italian with a stone. Being cross-examined, he said that he believed in the Bible; that he had been twenty-three years in this country, and ought to be a Christian by this time; that, being struck with a stone, he hit back, and considered that his right on all occasions.

—The Duke of Richmond says of the Queen of Great Britain that, in all matters of a public character everything in her conduct in regard to the relations between herself and the Ministers of the Crown, there was no part of their business which had not been completely, conscientiously, and thoroughly carried out by Her Majesty; and there was no person who had ever treated the Ministers of the day with greater consideration than the Queen. Whether the Minister was a Conservative or a Liberal, he had the full confidence of the sovereign and of the country. She gave him the most undoubting confidence, and on every occasion he was welcome to discuss with her any points which might require her decision.

—Bulwer's wife once called Dickens "Fortune Plutarch."

Insolvent Insurance Companies in New York City and New England.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The sixteen insolvent insurance companies in New York City were chartered with a capital as follows:

Ætna	$ 300,000
Astor	500,000
Beekman	200,000
Excelsior	150,000
Portland	200,000
Manhattan	300,000
Market	175,000
Metropolitan	200,000
Yonkers and New York	200,000
Total	$2,125,000

The cash value of the assets of these nine companies is about $7,500,000; liabilities, $11,500,000; apparent dividend, say nine millions; unpaid expenses, and *no preference being allowed*, about 65 cents. The unearned premiums, $2,125,000 paid in full, would leave assets $5,375,000, equivalent to $60,000, equivalent to an apparent dividend of but a trifle over 50 cents. Every Chicago loser is interested, therefore, to the extent of 15 per cent on the amount of his policy, whether those unearned premiums are paid in cash or not.

I continue my notes upon particular companies:

Ætna.—Capital, $300,000. F. A. Conkling (brother of the Senator), President and Receiver; bond, $100,000; high-toned, capable gentlemen, who will do everything all right, from the start. Chicago loss, on point. Chicago losses, etc., $700,000; nearly half of the assets gone; unearned premiums, $100,000 in mortgages; no offer; new company with old name, after the manner of 1835.

Atlantic.—Capital, $300,000. Henry C. Cocks, President and Receiver; bond, $100,000; a thoroughly conscientious man, who will do his best for all concerned. Chicago losses, $650,000; elsewhere, $50,000. Largest item of assets, governments ($300,000), and all easily converted into cash. Company with old name. No offer by company.

Astor.—Capital, $200,000. Francis M. Hixby, a so-called "Rag Baron" of Chicago, President and Receiver; Nathan, Cordozo's Referee. Atty. Chicago losses $200,000; elsewhere, $18,000. Assets, unusually large—over, $700,000 cash—mostly in New York City bonds. Handsome dividend. Expenses of closing (Receiver's estimate) $30,000.

Beekman.—Capital, $200,000. Same Receiver. Chicago losses, $315,000; elsewhere, $25,000. Bulk of assets, bonds, and mortgages. Expenses of closing, $30,000.

Excelsior.—Capital, $200,000; Marcus P. Hodges, an old and reputable merchant (William Lottimer is the President and Receiver) due for losses, Chicago losses, $620,000; elsewhere, $80,000. Assets, largely call loans on New York stocks; mixed collaterals. Smallest dividend of the New York companies.

Fulton.—Capital, $200,000. John M. Furman, Vice President and Receiver; bond, $100,000; an independent do-as-you-please sort of a man, but energetic and honest. Losses in Chicago and elsewhere, $850,000. Assets, mostly governments, and mortgages. Possible dividend.

Irving.—Capital, $200,000. Martin L. Crowell, an exceedingly upright man, President and Receiver; bond, $100,000. Chicago losses, $200,000; elsewhere, $26,000. Assets, largely governments and mortgages. Respectable dividend. No offer. New company same name.

Hope.—Capital, $150,000. Have taken a wise course, *i. e.*, have done nothing, but waited for the smoke to clear away. Edward Smith, a leading spirit in the company, as he also is in the Atlantic. Losses in Chicago, $100,000; elsewhere, $48,000; unearned premiums, $42,000. Assets, Providence bank stocks. General Barton, the President, will look after Mr. Hackett's claim, which should be accepted.

Providence, Washington.—Threw away a grand opportunity. Should have gone along, but lacked nerve. Have paid nearly all their uncarned premiums, about 75 cents, supposing that they would sell for enough, with their other assets, to pay the balance of their liabilities; but the building sold for $60,000 less than was bid, and Chicago losers will get considerably less than 100 cents. Seventy-two years old—a long time. Threw away a chance to do it, it ought to have done better. Chicago losses, $530,000; elsewhere, $20,000; unearned premiums have been paid in full. Assets, besides building, governments and local bank shares. Capital, $200,000.

Roger Williams.—Capital, $200,000. Colonel Williams, formerly of the Ætna, of Hartford, a veteran underwriter, President, and the Sprague family interested. Losses in Chicago, $600,000; elsewhere, $76,000; unearned and marine premiums, $150,000. Assets, nearly all cash, and confidence banks. Can pay probably forty; settlement at that figure would be decidedly preferable to prolonging matters by the law's delays, which is cumbersome, tardy and expensive—the very worst State of all in which to liquidate an insolvent corporation.

NEW YORK CITY.

Interests of policy-holders need attention, and that quickly. Four of the companies are paying their unearned premiums in full, viz.: Ætna, $75,000; Fulton, $116,000; Fortune American, $125,000, and Washington, $83,000; total, $395,000, entitled to share only *pro rata*, in other words, policy-holders who pay 100 cents on the dollar, 47 cents, and those who have, what is left.

Mr. Hilscheimer, of the firm of Hilscheimer, Baudelow, the law partner of Judge Shipman, and Baudelow, the law partner of Judge Shipman, at 345 Kinzie street, are employed after by L. Walchter, Rockford, Ogle County.

Wm. Barnard, late of 314 North Wells street, is employed after by his father, A. H. Barnard, of No. 5 Astor place, Astor House, New York. Mr. Barnard, who also desires to hear from his brother, Daniel Cornelius, a tailor by trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, of 226 Quincy street, are inquired after by their brother, Edward Dwyer, Old Point Comfort, Va.

Mrs. Charles C. Clute, (whose husband is connected with some newspaper in Chicago) is inquired after by her sister, Mrs. Kate Holycake, Orphan Asylum, corner Seventy-seventh street and Third avenue, N. Y.

Philip P. Bausch, formerly of 348 North Franklin street, is in consumption, and his friends, who live in Europe, send a letter for him to the hands of A. Driesmis, General Agent of the National Life Insurance Company, 119 Nassau Row, New York.

Alexander Archibalsay and his family are inquired after by N. Fejevary, of Davenport, Iowa.

Miss Johanna Dogherty, who was employed at 1092 Wabash avenue, last year, is sought after by her sister. Please address G. C. Tyler, Esq., Portland, Me.

Mr. Alfred Rolandhilly, chemist, at 171 Chicago Avenue, is inquired after by his brother, Thomas Bailey, No. 15 St. George's Square, New Brighton, Cheshire, England.

Miss Catharina Maffinger, who lived at 293 North Wells street before the fire, is inquired after by Mr. H. Koch, of 22 Coentie's Slip, New York city.

Joseph Pabiak, a sculptor, whose location was 161 Dickson street, is inquired after by Maurice Pabiak, of Vienna, Austria.

SPECIAL.

An American child, a boy, who recognizes the name of "Willie," about six years old, was taken from the North Avenue Police Station to the Chief Orphan Asylum, Larrabee street, near Centre, on the night of the fire of Oct. 9, having been taken to the police station during the afternoon of that day. Direct any information to you a collection of statist s and other official publications of the United States, issued by the Census Bureau, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C. Any information will be cheerfully and promptly and gladly supply by request and will work belonging to the Bureau, which are not under my control.

Respectfully,
F. A. WALKER, Gov'mor.

OFFICE OF THE MERCHANTS' INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW YORK, Oct. 24, 1871.

Hon. R. R. Mason, Mayor of Chicago, Ill.:

HONORED SIR: In my boyish days the Hon. J. Young Scammon was traveling for a dry-goods house in Chicago with his manuscripts of the Reports of the Supreme Court, and now known as vols. 1, 2, and 3, and, when a steamboat was chartered by the bar, the lawyers, stage, and passengers were swept away, and the manuscripts were saved. Mr. Scammon succeeded in getting out from the inside of the burning building, and, with the aid of a friend, threw them in the mouth, and swam safely to shore. After many days search on the stage of the ocean, Smith, a leading spirit in the company, as he also is in the Atlantic. Losses in Chicago, $50,000; elsewhere, $48,000; unearned premiums, $42,000. Assets, Providence bank stocks. General Barton, the President, will look after Mr. Hackett's claim, which should be accepted.

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Philip P. Bausch, formerly of 348 North Franklin street, is in consumption, and his friends, who live in Europe, send a letter for him to the hands of A. Driesmis, General Agent of the National Life Insurance Company, 119 Nassau Row, New York.

Alexander Archibalsay and his family are inquired after by N. Fejevary, of Davenport, Iowa.

Miss Johanna Dogherty, who was employed at 1092 Wabash avenue, last year, is sought after by her sister. Please address G. C. Tyler, Esq., Portland, Me.

Mr. Alfred Rolandhilly, chemist, at 171 Chicago Avenue, is inquired after by his brother, Thomas Bailey, No. 15 St. George's Square, New Brighton, Cheshire, England.

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Joseph Pabiak, a sculptor, whose location was 161 Dickson street, is inquired after by Maurice Pabiak, of Vienna, Austria.

SPECIAL.

An American child, a boy, who recognizes the name of "Willie," about six years old, was taken from the North Avenue Police Station to the Chief Orphan Asylum, Larrabee street, near Centre, on the night of the fire of Oct. 9, having been taken to the police station during the afternoon of that day. Direct any information to you a collection of statist s and other official publications of the United States, issued by the Census Bureau, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C. Any information will be cheerfully and promptly and gladly supply by request and will work belonging to the Bureau, which are not under my control.

Respectfully,
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MONETARY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 27.

...nal money market matters continue ...d. The demand for money is moderate ...the banks are meeting the wants of ...ir customers readily. A return movement of ...the country seems to have begun, ...ge sums having received large ...ts to-day from the interior, and ...ers that direction to-day, and orders ...other some of the country banks are ...ntemplating withdrawals from here to New York. ...e is a light business in the notes ...the current week, and the accumula... ...ir vaults and the rise in New York ...ney have allayed the probability of a temporary ...ge of currency to New York. This ...ge in the interest and dividend pay... ...ll probably relieve the stringency ...ket in that city, and if, in ...Secretary of the Treasury ...ear, of pushing a large propor... ...ional currency now in the gov... ...to circulation, there will be a ...to the money market sometime ...ey will be abundant, and spec... ...ll be depressed.

...ge in request between banks to-day ...to commerce, bankers sell at par, and ...Banks are brought before the ...ership by the system of govern... ...that the large amount of ...held in private and incorporated ...s is underestimated. The ...and bankers of this city, includ... ...hold probably between ...and $40,000,000 of these. ...and published voluntary state... ...the last few days, and from which ...the amounts of deposits and ...ge of available cash means in the ...ank hand" securities," and ex... ...ew statements should prompt the ...ers and bankers to give the public ...ation in regard to their condition:

	Deposits.	Cash Reserve.
...ust and Trust Co.	$2,867	$980,007
...ge Company	1,251,813	282,000
...of Trade	1,263,153	291,941
...k	981,946	193,073

...the buying and selling governmental ...and gold is like market this after... ...by Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean

	Buying.	Selling.
...ds	117 1-4	117 1-2
...ds	109	109 1-4
...ds	110 1-2	
...ds	109 3-4	109 7-8
...ds	111	111 1-4
...uary and July	111 1-4	111 3-4
...uary and July	113 1-2	113 3-4
...uary and July	113 3-4	114
...ds	109	109 1-4
...ds	114	114 1-4
...ds Gold Rate		100 3-4
...ds		100
...ds		100
...ds	109 1-2	109 3-4
...ds	110 1-2	110 3-4
...ds	108 1-2	108 3-4
...ds	110	110 1-4
...ds	142	
...ds Land Scrip	175	175

COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 27.

...ere were the receipts and shipments ...this port during the past twenty-...r as reported, with the corre... ...one year ago:

	Receipts.		Shipments.	
	1871.	1870.	1871.	1870.
...r	5,771	4,824	3,673	3,423
...at	1,044,197	1,010,000		1,010,000
...n	344,126	47,840	1,414	9,007
...ley	21,294	9,584	5,115	630
...ats	4,597	2,000	1,000	
...ye	13,570	3,510	3,011	909
...ogs	71,790	29,000	25,700	
...ttle	44,510	21,000	24,000	16,500
...gs	316,000	17,000	459,995	655,414
...ep	2,217	303	100	1,154
...ds	500,968	273,210	461,250	239,498
...ds	55,420	6,000		
...ds	1,000	1,500		
...s, &c.	2,569	5,501	1,130	1,393
...ds	5,241	6,304	1,269	1,160
...ds	1,000	1,000	400	
...ds	174,130	126,689	58,926	14,700
...ds	240	268	110	119
...ds	1,000	1,730	3,270	715
...ds	1,349			
...ds	25	100	724	842
...ds	1,000	800	838	1,153
...ds		15	15	46
...ds		4,046	1,074	

...ceipts for city consumption ...,598 bu corn; 1,661 bu oats; and ...

...The grain has been inspected into ...9 o'clock this morning: 24 cars ...ard; 35 cars oats; 3 cars rye; ...ipts of 107,560 bu, against 180,000 bu.

...e markets were quiet to-day, and ...st the leading cereals were lower, ...ly on account of heavy prices. There ...ot to buy anything, either for ship... ...ation, but there were plenty ...ers unfavorable on Tuesday next. ...

...ere quiet and unchanged. Hold... ...ers, but it was generally under... ...ey would sell at a shade less than ...ich at that figure.

...ts were active, scarce, but firm, the ...y principally made by packers. ...ot open till past noon, sales ...at 31¾@32c. Later, mixed ...ed, and good smooth lots at a ...ent of 62c head. ...ere irregular. The market was ...

...Barley was rather dull, ...ly sprang up, as buyers found ...ain concessions, notwith... ...ceipts were liberal, and will not be materially ...ciably to fill options, and ...to make the market close quite ...ere seem to have come to an ...that it is not for their interest to ...e sale till they see it is wanted. ...Costa Rica, 24 1-2@25 1-2c; Mirasolis, 23½c; ...American, 31½c; Minnesota, 30c; burlaps, bags ...21 1-2@22c; gunnies, 17@20c; wool sacks, 67c.

...BUILDING MATERIAL.—Comparatively little ...was doing in this market, owing to the severity of ...the weather. Prices were nominally unchanged, ...ranging as follows: Stucco, $1.75@2.00 c; New ...York stucco, casting, $2.75@4.00; superfine do, ...$.00@4.50; cement, $1.75; Rosendale cement, $2.00@ ...2.25; marble dust, $6.00; lime in bulk, $1.25; white ...sand, per bbl, $1.00@1.25; plastering hair, per ...bu, 35@40c; fire brick, per 1,000, $40.00@90.00; ...building brick, $12.00@13.00; fire clay, $4.00@5.00 ...per bbl.

...BEANS—Were more plenty and a shade lower, ...though the demand continues fairly active. There ...were free sellers at $1.75@2.25 for common to ...choice medium, and at $2.35@2.50 for navies.

...BROOM CORN—Is dull. We quote: Poor ...brush, $60.00@100.00 per ton; medium do, at ...$120.00@140.00; very choice at $150.00@160.00; and ...choice hurl, $180.00@200.00.

...COOPERAGE—The market is active but ...lower. We quote: Pork bris, $2.15@2.30; lard ...tes, $2.40@2.70 for wood, and $2.00@2.10 ...for iron hooped packages; whiskey bris, $2.00@ ...2.10; flour bris, 60@65c. Staves and headings at ...$18.00@18.00 for pork, and $24.00@25.00 per m for ...whisker bris and tes.

...CHEESE—Genuine New York factory cheese ...is scarce and cannot be bought at any concession ...from the quoted prices, though a *spurious* article, ...branded "New York Factory," is selling at 14a. ...Prime Western grades are also firm. There ...is a steady, moderate demand at the annexed ...quotations: New York factory, genuine, 15 1-2a ...16c; do imitation, 14 1-2a15c; Western factory, ...14a15c; Ohio factory, 14a15c.

...CAL.—The coal trade was not particularly ...brisk, but all dealers were very firm in ...their views, and the recent advance ...was thoroughly sustained. We repeat ...our list as follows: Lehigh, as prepared, ...$12.50a13.00; Lackawanna, $11.00a12.00; Erie, 10.00; ...Briar Hill, $10.00; Walnut Hill, $10.00; Indiana, ...$8.00; Riesberg, $8.50; Wilmington, $8.00.

...EGGS—The receipts were meagre, and, although ...the demand was small, there was an advance of ...fully 5c per dozen, sales making at 31a32c for ...fresh, and at 22a25c for preserved.

...FRITS—DRIED—Domestic dried fruits continue dull; but the moderate character of the supply has a strengthening tendency, and former rates are firmly adhered to. There is a steady, fair inquiry for foreign assortments, and, aside from raisins, which are easing off a little, prices are firm. We quote: Dates, 9 1-2a10c; figs, drums, 18a20c; figs, box, 20a22c; Turkey prunes, 9a10c; Turkey prunes, new, 12 1-2a13c; French do, 14a15c; raisins, old, $3.00a3.10; do new, $2.85a4.00; blackberries, 13 1-2a15 1-2c; pitted cherries, 28a30c; peaches, pared, 23a24c; peaches, halves, 8a10c; do quarters, 7 3-4a8 1-4c; currants, 10 1-2a11 1-2c; apples, new, Southern, 6a8c; do new Western, 5a6c; do new Michigan, 7a10c.

...FISH—The general features of this market were unchanged. Business is dull, both the local and interior demands being restrained to small orders to meet current necessities, but the prevalent feeling is firm, as the stocks are generally light, and cannot be replenished to sell at lower prices than are now current. We continue to quote: No. 1 whitefish, $3.00a3.25; No. 2, $4.75a5.00; trout, $4.50a4.62; No. 1 trout, $6.00a6.25; No. 1 bay, $6.50a7.00; No. 2 bay, $5.00a5.50; No. 1 herring, $6.00a6.50; No. 2 bay mackerel, $10.00a10.25; No. 1 bay, $8.50a9.00; No. 2 shore mackerel, $5.00a5.50; No. 2 bay mackerel, $7.00a7.50; No. 1 shore kits, $2.00a2.10; No. 1 bay, $1.50a1.60; family kits, $1.10a1.15; bank cod, $4.00a5.50; George's cod, $7.00a7.50; box herring, No. 1, 40a45; box herring, sealed, 45a50c. California salmon, half bri, $10.50a11.00.

...GREEN FRUITS—Are dull, and for most descriptions the quoted prices would be shaded. Sales were slow at the following rates: Apples, from store, $2.00a3.50; cranberries, $9.00a 11.00 for wild, and $13.00a14.50 for cultivated. Lemons, $6.00a7.00; oranges, Valencia, per case, ...00a14.00.

...GROCERIES—Prices are very steady. The demand at present is moderate, but this is usual in the case at this season of the year, and causes no uneasiness on the part of dealers. The stocks are generally light, and will not be materially augmented until after the 1st. The following quotations are firmly sustained:

...CANDLES—Star, 10a13 1-2c.

...COFFEE—Prime Rio coffee, 21a22c; choice do, 22a23c; O. G. Java, 30a33c; Singapore, 23 1-2a26 1-2c; Costa Rica, 24 1-2a25 1-2c; Mirasolis, 23a24c.

...RICE—Rangoon, 7 1-2a7 5-8c; Patna, 8a8 1-2c; Carolina, 9a9 1-4c.

...SUGARS—Hard sugars, 12 1-4a13 1-4c; A sugar, 12 3-4a12 7-8c; B do, 12 1-4a12 3-8c; XC do, 12 1-8a12 1-4c; C do, 12a12 1-8c; choice brown, 10 3-8a11 1-4c; fair do, 10a10 1-2c; New Orleans, 9 3-4a 11 1-4c; molasses do, 9a10c.

...SYRUPS—Diamond, $1.25a1.30; common molasses, 30a35c; Porto Rico molasses, 45a50c; good sugar-house syrup, 60a65c; extra, 65a70c; choice strips, drips, extra fine, 60a65c; New Orleans, 55a70c.

...SPICES—Alspice, 14a15c; cloves, 12a13c; cassia, ...7a8c; pepper, 20 1-2a25c; nutmegs, $1.20a1.25.

...SOAPS—French mottled, 8 3-4a7c; standard 6 1-4a6 3-4c; German mottled, 7 1-4a7 3-4c; erasive, 5 3-4a6c; brown Windsor, 4 1-2a4 3-4c; palm, 4 a 4 1-2c.

...STARCH—Gloss, 9 3-4a10c; corn, 10a10 1-2c laundry, 4 1-2a 1-2c; common, 3a4 1-2c.

...HAY—No change was visible in the hay market. The demand continues fair, and as the offerings are not excessive, dealers do not seem anxious to effect sales, save at very full prices. The following quotations are paid by dealers: On track—Timothy, best pressed, $16.50a17.00; do loose pressed, $13.50a 14.00; prairie, pressed, $9.50a11.00. On wagon—Timothy, loose, $12.00a13.00; prairie, loose, $9.00 a10.00. For delivery of pressed hay, $1.00a1.50, according to distance.

...HIDES—Dealers report a continued quiet, easy feeling in this market. Both local and Eastern tanners are operating, but there is nothing approaching urgency in the demand from either source, and the fact that the stocks are beginning to accumulate here leads many to look for a light decline soon. We make no change in our quotations as follows: Green salted cured, light, 11 1-2c; do, heavy, 10 1-2c; part cured, 10a11c; green frozen, 9 1-2a10c; marrara kip, 11 1-2c; veal kip, 14c; green calf, 17c; dry calf, 26c; dry flint, 19a20c; dry salted, 16a18c; dry kip, 20c; deacons, 50c; sheared, cull, or otherwise damaged, two-thirds price.

...OILS—For burning oils there is a reasonably active inquiry, but aside from this, the market is dull. With the exception of linseed and turpentine, which have a slightly improved tendency, prices rule steady. We quote: Carbon, 20c; extra winter lard, 85c; No. 1, 75a75c; No. 2, 65c; linseed raw, 80c; do boiled, 85c; whale, 55c; sperm, $2.10; neatsfoot oil, $1.60a1.75; bank oil 60a65c; straits, 55c; elephant oil, $1.50; turpentine, 50c.

...POTATOES—Were dull and a shade lower. Straight lots from store were offering at $1.10a 1.15, and common mixed at 90a95c.

...POULTRY AND GAME—The market was generally reported dull. "The supply was moderate, but in the absence of anything like an active demand, sales dragged at a shade lower prices. We quote: Chickens, $1.25a2.50; turkeys, large, per doz, $2.50a3.50; prairie chickens, $4.50a5.00; geese, $2.00a3.00; ducks, $3.00a4.00.

...SALT—Quotations are unchanged. Saginaw fine, $2.20 per bri; Onondaga, fine, $2.40 per bri; coarse, $2.35 per bri; coarse, diamond C, $1.35 per bri.

...SEEDS—Were a little more active. Timothy was unchanged, at $2.70a3.20 for poor to good. Clover was easier at $5.50a6.15, the inside for inferior.

...TEAS—Remain quiet and steady at unchanged prices. We quote: Young hyson, common to fair castic; good, 70a85c; choice to extra, $1.35a 1.45; superior to fine old hyson, 90c$1.10; common imperial, 75a80c; good to choice do, 90c$1.15; fine to good gunpowder, 85c$1.00; choice to extra tea, $1.30a1.45; choice to extra leaf Japan, $1.00a 1.15; fair to good do, 75a85c; colored natural leaf Japan, 60a75c; choice to fine Oolong, 85a95c; good, 75a80c; choice to extra, 90c$1.25.

...TOBACCO—Is in steady request, and all prime goods are being held with firmness. Prices range as follows:

...CHEWING—Extra, 95c@$1.00; choice, 85a90c; common, 60a70c.

...SMOKING—Extra, 90a92c; medium, 75a80c; common stems, 25a30c.

...PLUG—Natural leaf, 90a95c; half bright, 70a80c; black round, 55a70c.

...WOOD—The demand was small at the following prices: Beech, $11.50a12.00; maple, $12.50a 13.00; hickory, $13.50; slabs, $7.50a8.00, delivered.

...WOOL—Prices were quoted firm and unchanged:

Washed, fine condition	32a36c
Washed, medium condition	34a36c
Washed, coarse	30a32c
Unwashed, fine condition	30a40c
Unwashed, medium condition	34a40c
Unwashed, coarse	40a42c
Tub-washed, prime condition	50c
Tub-washed, poor to good condition	35a47c

...Dingy and poorly-washed wool, 5a15c less; burry and cotted wool, 5a15c less.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 27.

The receipts of live stock during the week up to this evening were as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Monday	600	2,000	400
Tuesday	300	5,200	
Wednesday	1,400	7,700	800
Total	2,300	14,900	1,200
Same time last week	1,915	18,189	1,310
Week before last	2,145	15,467	1,252
The following were the shipments:	2,145	71,685	3,220
	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Monday	700	1,750	100
Tuesday	400	1,300	575
Wednesday	1,214	3,125	535

...CATTLE—At the opening of the market this morning, and during the greater part of the forenoon, Trading was quite active, and the prevalent feeling was firm. The attendance of buyers was liberal and under a good demand from local and Eastern operators, the arrivals by early trains were easily taken at the advanced prices established earlier in the week. Toward noon, however, there was a very perceptible falling off in the demand, and the market weakened, in consequence, as holders are looking for increased receipts during the remaining days of the week, and for lower prices, before the close. The offerings were of another character, there being a noticeable absence of "scalawags," while of good to really choice grades the proportion was fully 50 per cent larger than usual. The crop were disposed of at $3.50a4.35, but sales below $4.00 were rare, the larger portion changing hands at prices ranging from $4.10 upward to $5 00. A few extra brought $5.10a5.25. The market closed quiet and weak, with a downward look.

Choice Beeves—Fine, fat, well-formed 3 to 5 year old steers, and averaging 1,350 to 1,400 lbs	$5.00a5.40
Good Beeves—Well-fattened, finely-formed steers, averaging 1,300 to 1,350 lbs	4.60a5.25
Fair Grades—Good steers, in fair flesh, averaging 1,100 to 1,200 lbs	4.30a4.75
Medium Class—Medium steers and good cows fit for slaughter, averaging 900 to 1,100 lbs	3.75a4.50
Stock Cattle—Common cattle in decent flesh, averaging 750 to 1,000 lbs	2.75a3.50
Inferior—Light and thin cows and steers	2.25a3.10

CATTLE SALES TO-DAY.

No.	At.	Price.
14 butchers' stock	1,149	$4.25
19 extra steers	1,471	4.50
17 medium steers	1,276	4.00
16 choice steers	1,319	4.50
19 medium steers	1,211	4.00
43 extra steers	1,301	4.25
64 choice steers	1,307	4.50
32 good smooth steers	1,300	4.35
31 light fat steers	1,193	4.00
19 extra steers	1,316	4.25
15 butchers' stock	1,154	4.12
30 choice steers	1,296	4.50
30 choice steers	1,300	4.50
32 choice steers	1,284	4.50
19 good steers	1,263	4.35
24 choice steers	1,301	4.50
17 medium steers	1,196	4.07½
16 good steers	1,250	4.35
19 extra steers	1,268	4.25
20 choice steers	1,309	4.50
59 choice steers	1,405	4.75
18 fancy steers	1,276	4.60
15 butchers' stock	1,067	4.00
18 choice steers	1,244	4.35
18 good to all steers	1,179	4.00
18 cows	1,000	3.00
16 cows	1,000	3.00
30 extra steers	1,391	4.10

...HOGS—The receipts for the week up to this evening are only about 15,800, against 45,070 for the same time last week, and 72,435 week before last. The hog trade was again dull to-day, and prices continue weak and unsettled. Packers seem determined to remain idle unless they can buy at lower prices than now prevail, and, light as was to-day's supply, holders were unable to prevent a general decline. As it was, concessions of 5c had to be made on the less desirable lots, and all those there were inclination to offer for further decline. Not all sold, and the market closed dull at $3.90@4.05 for common, light, unassorted and mixed lots; at $4.10@4.15 for medium, and at $4.20@4.30 for good to choice. We note the following:

HOG SALES TO-DAY.

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
110	244	$4.15	119	238	4.05	80	227	$3.90
110	267	4.15	120	240	4.05	80	227	3.90
102	265	4.25	280	231	4.00	78	227	3.90
93	284	4.20	80	240	4.10	67	230	3.90
103	213	4.00	80	240	4.10	77	227	3.90
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...SHEEP—Were fairly active, and prices remain firm ... the recent advance. We quote common at $2.75a3.00; medium at $3.25a3.75, and good to choice at $3.90a4.00.

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

A Summary of President Thiers' Message.

From the London Times.

The sitting of the National Assembly on Dec. 7 began at 2 o'clock. M. Grevy returned thanks for being re-elected President, saying that he accepted this fresh mark of confidence on the part of the Assembly with the more pleasure as it did not impose any sacrifice on his convictions.

M. Thiers then proceeded to read his Presidential message. It points to the daily progress made in the re-establishment of peace without and reorganization within. In order to appreciate this progress, M. Thiers says it must never be forgotten to what condition the Empire had brought France.

"After an insurrection without parallel in history, we are able to say that a vast amount of good exceeds the amount of evil. Our relations with Europe have become peaceable and cordial. Our credit in Prussia is exactly declined. The taxes are being paid regularly. Our army was our first consolation in our misfortunes. Order is constantly re-established. The National Guards have been disarmed without resistance. For a complete reorganization of France we must look to time and to God, and for all endeavor with the intellect of modern society. The situation is as favorable as it could be after such a disastrous war. The policy of France henceforth is a pacific and dignified peace. If, contrary to all probability, events should disturb that peace, the deed will not be that of France. France must become once more what she has a right to be in the interest of all States. France will be true to her solemnly-pledged word. Moreover, the States which took part in the war are fatigued; the witnesses had become seriously alarmed."

The message then enters into details of the relations between France and the other powers of Europe:

"Our relations with Spain continue amicable. We likewise maintain a good understanding with Italy. The independence of the Holy See must be rigorously upheld. As regards Rome we offer no counsels, for we give no advice to any one, and least of all to an aged man who enjoys all our respect and sympathy. With regard to Austria, we sincerely wish her prosperity. As regards Russia, the most cordial relations exist between that country and France. They are the result of an elevated and reciprocal appreciation of the interest of both countries. There is, therefore, no where ground for anxiety. Commerce and labor may resume their activity with entire confidence."

The message makes no allusion either to the constitutional question, to the return of the Assembly to Paris, or to the Orleans Princes taking their seats in the Assembly.

The President of the Republic enlarges on the subject of commercial treaties, especially that with England. He states that the French Government are resolved to give notice of its determination in February next, but will, nevertheless, continue their negotiations on the question during next year, in compliance with the conditions of the treaty. The message announces the conclusion of a convention with Germany for a customs treaty with Elsass-Lothringen.

The message reverts to the situation of the interior. It acknowledges the difficulty of establishing a good administration. "We may say to-day that we receive from all sides marks of satisfaction." (This passage was received with noisy interruptions by the Right.) M. Thiers added that the present sessions of the Councils General was a proof of public spirit, conciliation, and prudence.

"While awaiting the definite liberation of the country, we have applied ourselves to separate the population from the German soldiers who are now quartered in barracks. We ask the people to restrain their resentment, which would not bridge their sufferings, but might compromise the safety of France. The life of a foreigner is as sacred as the life of a countryman."

Referring to the financial situation of the country the message adverts to the fact that under the Empire the budget had reached the sum of 2,200,000,000 francs. Nothing was paid off, and the army was neglected. "We had 300,000 men to oppose 700,000 of the enemy. We thus arrived at an increase of debt to the amount of eight milliards, of which we paid the interest. We have, besides, to strengthen our frontiers. The expenditures will be reduced by 25,000,000 francs. Nevertheless, the ordinary and extraordinary budgets will reach a total of 2,742,000,000 francs, including the Provincial expenditure. In twenty years we have had an increase of 1,250,000,000 francs of expenditure. This we owe to the empire." The message announces that the army will henceforth consist of 150 regiments of infantry, each consisting of 3,000 bayonets each, and four guns for every 1,000 men. The floating debt will be reduced to 600,000,000 francs. The redemption will be effected regularly. The message further says that the National Assembly will choose between duties on raw materials and duties on manufactured goods. It ought to be left entirely free to the Government. When, finally, the message speaks of the monetary crisis, and states that the Bank of France will be authorized to increase the circulation by 600,000,000 francs, 200,000,000 francs, or 400,000,000 francs, and to issue small notes. The message concludes by saying that the situation is as satisfactory as can be desired under the circumstances.

Proceeding to army organization and to the necessary time required for it and to the compulsory service, M. Thiers said that every Frenchman owes his blood to the country when it is in danger, but he does not admit that in time of peace every Frenchman should be drafted into active service. That would be disorganizing civil life and ruining the finances. (Numerous protests were raised against this part of the message.) M. Thiers continued:

"If such a course should be followed, France would be less fit for compulsory service in time of war, and an annual contingent of 60,000 men in time of peace. The young men will draw lots; but the lowest number will enter upon active service. We shall thus have 225,000 men, of whom 150,000 will remain five years with the colors. The others will remain at home to guard the cities."

In conclusion, M. Thiers said:

"In closing this long exposé, it remains for me to touch upon a grave, delicate and exciting (*brulant*) question. After having spoken of our domestic and foreign affairs, of our administrative, our finances and army, it may seem strange that I have not yet spoken a word of politics, for at least, of those vehement politics of the moment which occupy all minds. And nevertheless I do not think the situation is to be regretted so much as it has been during the past fifty years, and of so many parties disputing with one another for the erection of a new government. But here, gentlemen, begins your task; for you are the sovereign, and we are but administrators delegated to effect the wishes or what I have called the organization of the country. Well, that present policy, having for its object the constitution of a definitive government, concerns you above all, and we would encroach upon your rights if we took a precipitate initiative on that subject. As for myself, overwhelmed with fatigue, and sometimes with sorrow when I turn aside for a moment from incessant toil to think on our misfortunes, I have accepted only one task—that of reorganizing the country shattered by its fall, reconstructing its foreign relations, its domestic administration, its finances, its army, maintaining a vigorous order while that task was being accomplished, and holding myself always ready to restore to you unimpaired, in its form sovereignty, that loyal power, the trust which you have placed in my hands. Here, I say, just as you gave it to me, reorganized partially, but already all, conformably to the contract framed between us. I restore it to you —What will you do with it? You are the Sovereign. I am not so, but a simple delegated administrator; you are the sovereign, or the word "right" is but a vain word, for you are the chosen, the freely chosen, of the country. To make to you a complete exposition of the political and constituent character (*constituti*f) would be to usurp part of my colleagues and myself, an act of rashness which I should regret all my life. But we are also elected of the country, and we have sworn to fulfil as members of this assembly, and as members of the government. Now, gentlemen, stirring up yourselves the grave questions which preoccupy men's minds, you shall compel us to declare our opinions with regard to their solution, we will answer you with frankness and good faith. Until that time, however, my colleagues and myself have only one faithful and exact account to render of our doings, and we have rendered it. Permit me, however, to add to you, to put, if I may so speak, the finishing touch to our sincerity. The country, as a whole, and by many individuals, has misjudged the country it was like. It feels its misfortunes; it wishes to retrieve them; and if party spirit sometimes displays itself, it is soon put down by a moderate majority, which perceives the necessity of sacrificing all party passions to the evident and pressing necessity of consolidating the present. It with profound conviction—it is wise; the parties alone would be otherwise. It is from them, and from them alone, that there is anything to fear; it is from them alone that it is needful for you to protect yourselves against them if you must arm yourselves with calmness, and courage, and energy. It is against the parties, against their passions, even when they arise from the best intentions, that you must prepare yourselves for resistance; and—in a situation in which a long series of revolutions has left the soil strewn with so many parties and sub-divisions of parties—you must raise yourselves above them, to a supreme height of love, of moderation, and firmness. Already you have often done so; and in the most disturbed days, when it seemed as if storms must be the lot of your deliberations, forthwith there have sprung from them resolves of lofty and profound wisdom. It is to the majority which is the author of those salutary resolves that I address myself now, and it is because I am, if in this same path of wisdom my position, as I still used to do, you for a short time longer (*quelques jours encore*) your humble servant upon it. But if it is not indispensable to you, if your wisdom should fail in any degree to approve the views I hold, oh! do not hesitate to make but a single sign, and, becoming once more a mere workman, faithful and submissive, I will restore to you the work which you have intrusted to me—thanks to the upright and able assistance of my colleagues, in a better condition than I received it. And I express myself in such terms only because all of you can say as much, and even more, that the choice lies for you to appear again before the constituencies. On that day the country will owe to you and will bestow on you its thanks as if it is just, and it will be just—for the immense services which you have rendered, and for those which, in all probability, you are yet to render."

PRINCE ALBERT EDWARD.

The Origin of His Fever.

London (Dec. 9) Correspondence of the New York Tribune.

The difficulty of getting at the truth about anything has been curiously illustrated by the Prince's illness. It was confidently asserted that Lord Chesterfield had never stayed at Londesborough Lodge, Scarborough, at all, whereas he not only was there during the Prince's visit, but was summoned up from the country. Another report was that a groom of the Duke of Beaufort, who has been with his master at Lord Londesborough's, was also down with the fever. The Duke wrote to the papers to say that he had no groom with him at Scarborough, and that no groom of his was ill with fever. It is now known that the sick groom is not a groom, but a temporary servant of the Duke's, who attended him at Scarborough. Again, when the first suggestion was made that the bad drainage of Londesborough Lodge must have had something to do with the diarrhea, from which all the guests suffered more or less, as well as with the fever which afterward attacked down the Prince and Lord Chesterfield, Lord Londesborough publishes a series of reports signed by competent persons, declaring that the drainage of his house was perfect in every respect. But some local newspapers sent down special Commissioners to report on the subject, and it now appears that the drainage of the Lodge is as bad as it could be. In fact, the whole construction of the house affords in perfection all the conditions required to develop and propagate the enteric poison. It is built over two large cesspools, between which and the inhabited parts of the building there were no fewer than thirteen communications. One of these communications has now been closed, but at least six years. It receives the drainage of six closets, is situated immediately underneath the cabinet of the bedroom occupied first by the Prince of Wales, and afterward by Lord Chesterfield, and is connected with this cabinet by a pipe only ten feet long. The sewerage from the cess pools is supposed to flow through the town drains into the sea, but the action of the tide often drives it back. The consequence is that the drains are a great reservoir of sewer gas, and that the strong current of air passing through them blows this noxious gas into the houses, no traps being able to keep it out. Of course, Lord Londesborough had no conception of the dangerous condition of his house, in which his own family had been residing for some time without any bad effects. The mysteries of enteric fever, why it breaks out in one place and not in another, why some people are passed over unscathed while others are stricken down, have yet to be solved. But there can hardly be a question that if anybody were predisposed to catch the fever, Londesborough Lodge was just the place to find it in perfection. Moreover the town of Scarborough, which is a fashionable watering-place, is itself far from wholesome. The new part is tolerably well drained, but the old part is not drained at all; it is a mass of middens, ash-holes, and foul smells. The ground over which the royal party were shooting for several days is described as "a low, black, swampy land, five miles of drains." They used to pass on their way a disgusting public midden that sometimes infects the air for half a mile round. It must be further observed that just at this time Scarborough was crammed full of people in consequence of the Prince's visit and the illuminations and other sights which attended it. Lord Londesborough's house itself was packed, from top to bottom. All the good bedrooms were, of course, assigned to the guests, and the servants were pigged together anyhow and anywhere. Three maidservants slept in a room six feet ten inches in height, the Prince's valet in a room six feet four inches in height and another servant in a kind of housemaid's cupboard. That nothing should be left undone to make the mischief, men were employed to keep the drains constantly flushed, which would have been all very well had they communicated directly with the sea, but which, as it was, had the effect of stirring up the fetid accumulations of the cess pools and filling the house with poisonous exhalations. Everybody is very sorry for Lord Londesborough, whose ignorance about these matters is not greater than that of most educated Englishmen. It is not surprising that these disclosures and the painful consciousness of sanitary neglect in this instance should have created something like a panic. The newspapers are full of drains, stink-traps and typhoid fever, and the result will perhaps be that the sewerage of houses will be conducted henceforth on a more scientific and careful manner, and perhaps have the benefit of official inspection, with a bill of fare and penalties for neglected or insufficient drainage.

Drink, Quarrelling, Murder, and Suicide.

The Boston *Traveller* gives the following account of a murder and suicide in South Littleton, Mass., twenty-six miles north of Boston:

Until within a few months Patrick Keating, a laborer in the town of Littleton, has been a man of steady habits, seldom, if ever, indulging in the use of intoxicating liquors, and generally behaving himself as a good husband and father. Lately, however, his conduct has changed. He became more and more addicted to strong drink, and was morose and irritable in his treatment of his children and his wife. There were hard words on both sides, frequent criminations and recriminations. Every day increased the sum of their unhappiness until the mother, who was in a delicate condition, felt that she would be impossible for her to longer remain in the house. Yesterday morning Mrs. Keating, after frankly stating the nature of the case to her husband, said that she could live with him no longer, and that they must separate at once. This declaration was met with a torrent of reproaches and abuse. Patrick denied her right to leave him without a warrant of a court, and asserted that he would use force if it were necessary to prevent her departure. They indulged in a wordy quarrel for a few moments, until very much incensed, Keating rushed out of the house. From thence he repaired to the house of a friend in the village, where he procured some liquor and drank deeply. At noon he returned to his home, only to find that his wife was waiting to bid him farewell before going away. He asked her where she was still determined to leave him and the children to take care of themselves. She replied that she had no other alternative, whereupon Patrick drew a revolver from his pocket, and with the exclamation, "God forgive me!" discharged it at her breast. Then turning the muzzle of the pistol towards his own body, discharged it again. An hour afterwards a neighbor entered the house and found both upon the floor, weltering in gore. The floor was covered with puddles of blood, and the dying ones, although still breathing heavily, were in an unconscious state. Around the bodies stood the affliicted children of the family, struck almost dumb by the calamity, and scarcely realizing the extent of their loss. The body of Mrs. Keating was placed upon a bed in an adjoining room, and her husband was placed under arrest and taken to the poor-house in the town for safe keeping. It is scarcely possible that either of them will recover.

ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE.

Career of a German Engineer and Revolutionist—Curious Revelations—Two Marriages without Widowhood—A Large Property Involved.

Raubut, N. Y., (Dec. 22) Correspondence of the N. Y. Times.

Interesting and important litigation is about to be commenced in Ulster County, which may result in hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property—[illegible] It has grown out of [illegible] ranging hands [illegible] the complicated condition of affairs of the late Major Geo. F. Von Beck, who died last spring, leaving an [illegible] estate, which was in dispute between the children of a dead wife and a living wife and her children. The circumstances leading to the peculiar condition of the affairs of the family—or these two families, rather—are as follows: George Frederick Von Beck came to this country from Germany in 1850. He was a graduate of one of the German universities, and a descendant of the nobility. He was a civil engineer, and, previous to his leaving his native country was a person of great distinction. He, in company with three others, was appointed to survey the boundary line between France and Germany, and as the conclusion of that task was made the recipient of many favors at the hands of the King of Bavaria. He afterwards fought in Spanish Army, on the staff of the commanding officer, in the war between Spain and France. Being wounded in an engagement, he returned to Germany, where he was married to Marie Ann deBuyter, daughter of a wealthy burgher. He was shortly afterward made Mayor of Salzburg, holding the position some years. In one of the German revolutionary wars he took an active part on the losing side, and was compelled to fly the country. He went to London, England, and soon thereafter embarked for America, landing in New York with very little money. His wife and children he left in Germany, and his property there was confiscated. It is said that he tramped the streets of New York for six months, with a hand-organ and monkey, subsisting upon the pittance thus obtained. About this time the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company had been completed, and Von Beck, thinking that his knowledge of engineering might some day be of use to him on that work, hired out as a canal hand. For two or three years he followed this life, occupying his spare time in adding to his other accomplishments the knowledge of the English language. When once this was acquired, he began to look out for a chance for advancement, and one day his scientific attainments laid the foundation of a promising future. This was about the year 1833. Russell L. Lord, then the head and front of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, but who died a few years since overburdened with domestic unhappiness, was inspecting a large break in the canal, and preparing to slowly measure its dimensions in order to have it repaired. Von Beck's boat chanced to lie near, and the ambitious boatman stepped up to the break, and making a calculation of scientific principles, informed Mr. Lord its extent in a few seconds. The Superintendents at once made up his mind that this was too valuable an aid to have running on a boat, and gave him a position very much advanced. Von Beck's services soon made him Paymaster of the company—a position even then of great importance.

In

LONDON.

A Visit to the Tichborne Court.

The Judge, the Jury, and the Leading Counsel.

A Nine-Days Witness, and Some of the Visitors.

From Our Special Correspondent.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

I had a "spare day" yesterday—a startling event for me—and I am going to tell you what I did with it.

Early in the morning I jumped into a cab, and told the driver to take me to the Sessions House, in which the Tichborne case is being tried. I drove down the Thames Embankment, appreciating fully the relief which this great work has given to the overgorged Strand and to Fleet street. The weather was bitterly cold, and the ground was like iron. The river flowed by in a hurrying tide. Only a few steamers were on its surface, and the passengers on board numbered scarcely a hundred in all. The inducement to go by steamer when the weather is at all decent is the cheapness of the fares.

For a penny you can be carried from London Bridge to Westminster Bridge, or the intermediate piers; while the omnibuses and the railway train are three pence and two pence. But three-fourths of the river steamers are now laid up, and one's teeth begin to chatter at the spectacle of those that are left. The embankment ends immediately opposite to the Houses of Parliament, and very picturesque do the towers and their frosted edges look in the cold sunlight of a winter's morning. The Sessions House is near Westminster Abbey—the venerable pile which no one who is familiar with the past can see for the first time without a rush of emotion. The Sessions House is a small building, its largest room holding not more than 300 people. As the door was a crowd, standing some way back, while a police officer stood on guard on the steps. The theory is, that in England the courts of justice are open to the world; but practically they are as exclusive as Almacks when a big trial of immediate interest is being heard. The only way to get into the court at Westminster while the Tichborne case is on is to obtain an order from the judge, or to be taken in by one of the counsel. I was properly prepared, and was soon in the very midst of the exciting scene.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE

sits above the body of the court, with ladies and gentlemen each side of him. He is tall, and, for an English judge, rather youthful. He wears spectacles, but seems to be quick enough of vision. I have mentioned where he sits (perhaps it would have been more correct to have said where he stands. A more restless dignitary I never saw. The moment he can put his pen down, he stands up, and then he bends his body sideways, first from side to side as though trying to keep his feet warm. He is watchful of everything that is said, either by a witness or by counsel. People affirm that he is partial, and that he has espoused the cause of the family against the claimant. I am bound to say that everything which escaped him yesterday indicated a distrust of the claimant's cause: but then he had a great deal of illness who compelled it. The Judge did not strike me as having that command over the counsel which their Lordships generally enjoy. He bullied them too much, and was too familiar. There was too much human na ure about him. A Judge is supposed to sit in above the errors and frailties of his breth en. Here was the Judge stopping to tell the attendant how to light the gas; hauling in photographs sent him by a provincial photographer, and thanking the latter with effusion; arguing with a counsel,—first making the latter angry by insinuating that counsel was in the conspiration of silence, in order to suggest something to the witness, and then seeking to pacify him by eager explanations. Chief Justice Bovill does not strike me as a man of great power or decision of character, but his knowledge of English law is understood to be extensive.

THE JURY

As to the jury: In London it is considered among the first of domestic misfortunes to be summoned to attend a jury. Every householder has each year to fill up a printed form which is left at his house, wherein he states his claims for exemption from serving on a jury, if he have any such. This form returned, he is never sure of escape. He may be projecting a delightful evening party, or a visit to a favorite lecturer, or to a theatre, or a quiet game with his children—it matters not; a cruel summons commands him to attend an inquest, or a criminal trial, or an action at law, on a particular day, and, unless his doctor can find him ailing, he must go. The class of "special juries" consist of men who keep their own houses, or who pay high rents, or are in distinguished professions. Those receive one guinea a day, though they would be glad enough to pay two for the luxury of the Tichborne jury is a special one. The eleven gentlemen who sit in four rows on the right hand of the judge have all the appearance of well-to-do and educated men. They look like gentlemen, are well dressed, and have an air of being accustomed to society, and to position of influence. They situate me as being singularly representative men. No two are alike in feature or figure, and yet each, with perhaps two exceptions, is of that average of more than average intelligence, and even of refinement. What a horror this protracted confinement must be! And yet they must abhor the name of the claimant, and of Tichborne house, and Wagga-Wagga, and the rest! At one period, one of the number, who had his head propped up with his handkerchief, was evidently fast asleep. He was quickly awakened, and went fairly off to sleep. As the evidence just then was extremely important, one felt a desire to reach across and give him a shake. Rumor says the jury are against the claimant. They are against his chief witness, Mr. Baigent, unless their looks and actions during the evidence yesterday meant nothing. Even at the present moment, before a single witness is called for the family's case against the claimant, fancy their verdict, had they to give one, would be fatal to the lucky personage who, after a quarter of a century's absence, now comes back to civilization and asks for his estates.

THE COUNSEL.

There are nearly a dozen barristers employed in the case. The Attorney General, who is a son of Justice Coleridge and a descendant of the poet, is the leader, and he have conducted the case with ability, and it was wise to put the cross-examination of the important witness, who has been now nine days in the box, into the veteran Mr. Hawkins' hands. The Attorney General, with his wig and gown on, suggests the idea of a tall old woman. His long red face, with the wig bordering it, has a ludicrous aspect; and his manner is fidgety and feminine. To the Judge he seemed to show wanton disrespect. Occasionally the Judge would suggest that they had better go on to another part of the case, and Sir John Attorney General, scarcely raising his eyes from his papers, would wave his hand impatiently, and say, "No, my Lord; you don't see what the case is. It's all right." He pooh-poohed "His Lordship," in fact. The poor Judge has a hard time, with pearly a dozen ready to pounce upon him if he says a word they dislike. Mr. Hawkins, who has cross-examined the chief witness, is a study for an artist. His smooth face, his cool, cunning, half comic in expression, his look, generally of a very sharp fox indeed, though not a bad-tempered one,—one in keeping with his reputation for sagacity and penetration.

Beside the Attorney General and Mr. Hawkins is a young barrister, who is sometimes called by his friends "the hope of Oxford." When at Oxford University he carried everything before him; and he is now what is called "the Attorney General's Devil," supplying that learned gentleman, it is reported, with law.

On the claimant's side, the ablest counsel is Sergeant Ballantine. Accustomed, more particularly to criminal cases, this shrewd barrister has gained a very complete knowledge of man *as he appears before a jury*, and I know none of his legal brethren who can be regarded, in this respect, as his match.

THE NINE-DAYS WITNESS.

About the nine-days witness it would not be fair to say very much, for his cross-examination is not ended even yet. Up to this time he has done his *protege* nothing but harm. Mr. Baigent, the witness in question, is a Roman Catholic gentleman, who follows archæology as a professor. He has made the Tichborne family his special study, and no one else is supposed to know as much as he does of that ancient house. When the claimant appeared, Baigent saw him, and, after a little while, proclaimed him to be the missing Simon Pure. From that hour he has worked for him, day and night. The theory of the opposition is, that Baigent has quarrelled with the family, and that he took up this man partly from revenge and partly from expectation; that it is he who gave the claimant the information about the family and neighborhood which surprised so many; and that, of the whole conspiracy, he, Baigent, is the centre. I can give no opinion about this. Certainly he was driven yesterday from one corner to another. You felt repeatedly that he was now lost and could not say a word; he never once answered at the right moment, by some exceedingly ingenious suggestion. I doubt if any one person in the court believed his representations. Certainly the Judge did not; nor, to guess by their looks of surprise and impatience, did the jury. We now see how it was *possible*, at all events, for the claimant to deceive people. Baigent is the Jesuit of the stage, in looks. His shaven face, sallow complexion, close-cropped black hair, and thin meagre body suggest the Jesuit of the "Wandering Jew."

VISITORS.

There only remains to be noticed some of the visitors. I observed amongst them, yesterday, was Lady Alfred Tichborne, mother of the boy whose disappearance has caused the commotion. She is a fresh-colored sanguine face. She was very expensively dressed, but in good taste. By her side were Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliffe, the latter the lady concerning whom the claimant made such a dreadful avermeat. Mr. Ratcliffe, who is pitied by every one, is a tall, good-looking man of 50. His wife is pale and haggard-looking. If the claimant is proved to be an imposter he should be whipped at the cart's tail for his scandalous assertion of intimacy with this lady; and he is so enormous a liar, by his own showing, that whether he is the Baronet or not, few people will believe a syllable of his pretended "revelation."

SCIENCE OF THE NORTHWESTERN FIRES.

The January number of the *Lakeside Monthly* contains an article under the above caption, from the pen of Mr. E. Colbert. The writer states the amount of timbered land burned over in the timbered regions as not less than 480,000 acres, or 750 square miles, besides clearings; the material burned being equal to that which would yield a product of 1,800,000,000 feet of lumber, or nearly as much as Chicago has received during the past two years. The following are the principal conclusions deduced from this fact, in conjunction with the conflagration in Chicago:

1. As a chemical result of this immense burning, we have not less than three million tons of carbon from the country, and three hundred thousand tons from the city, liberated from its unions with other elements, and carried up into the air. Every three pounds of this would take up eight pounds of oxygen, forming eleven pounds of carbonic acid gas. Here we have an addition of twelve million tons of free carbonic acid gas to the quantity already existing in the atmosphere.

The quantity of this gas normal to the atmosphere at the present day is estimated to be about one part in two thousand; weighing will therefore, be a little less than twenty thousand million tons. Hence the proportion in the atmosphere has been increased by about one part in sixteen hundred. The total weight of atmospheric oxygen being a little over nine million million tons, its proportion has been decreased to the extent of nearly one part in a million. Accepting Leibig's estimate that the annual consumption of oxygen by the lower animals and by combustion is double the quantity consumed by human beings in breathing, we arrive at the astounding result that the oxygen taken up by the Northwestern fires was equal to the amount required to supply the consumption of ten months all over the globe.

So far as we are able to judge, the vegetable kingdom was intended by the Creator to act as an exact counterpoise to the animal world, the former retaining in its atmosphere just as much oxygen as is taken by the latter. This does not seem to be the case with carbon, the atmospheric proportion of which appears to have slowly decreased ever since the Carboniferous era. At that time the quantity of carbonic acid gas in the atmosphere was probably three hundred times greater than now, holding in combination one-half of the oxygen, and forming 15 to 20 per cent of the total weight of the air (Brongniart estimates 20 as per cent). The amount of carbonic acid gas has since diminished, approximately, at the rate of about one part in five thousand each century, until it has reached its present figure. And, in this respect, therefore, the Northwestern fires have restored the atmospheric conditions of the Carboniferous era.

A glance at the characteristics of the Carboniferous era will enable us to appreciate the importance of this. We know that it was the epoch of the greatest development of the vegetable kingdom, which then flourished with a luxuriance of which we can form but a faint conception, though the immense coal deposits described to us by the present century tell the tale of primeval vegetable growth surpassing all that we can see around us. The immense proportionate in its exuberance to the abundance of the carbonic acid that formed its food. Further along the stream of time, many centuries before the appearance of man, the atmosphere became oxygenated, more slowly, evolving as abundance of nitric acid. The latter even has a peculiar odor, experienced after the electric discharge of lightning, which is supposed to be given off by the formation of nitric acid. It is that noticed after a severe thunder-storm, and in new kilns to be due to the formation of nitric acid in the air.

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PRESIDENT-MAKING AND REFORM.

A Striking Article in a Very Widely Circulated Agricultural Journal.

From the Rural New-Yorker, Dec. 16.

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Second. That reform is necessary to preserve a republic which has not yet existed one hundred years, we verily believe—and we furthermore believe that the people must come to the front, and put down political schemers and demagogues. But whether it is expedient to unite the honest and independent members of the two dominant political parties is an open question. We think it ought to be done, and that the impending crisis renders it expedient. The intelligent and straightforward portion of the community, who pay the expenses of government, are disgusted with the mismanagement, corruption, and venality of political leaders and office-holders, and if there ever was a time when a change which would be an improvement should be made, it is now. The people are aroused—as witness their recent triumph over the Tammany corruptionists in New-York city. This triumph is not confined wholly to the union of Republicans and Democrats, and the nomination and election, on one ticket, of the best men of both parties. And this is essential and when it was ready we went up; I had left one of the three returns as Coulter's house that the people will not be satisfied with less.

Third. As to naming candidates for President and Vice President on a Reform ticket, that is a delicate matter for a neutral or independent journal, but, having said thus much, we will suggest the names of a few men whom we believe to be competent and incorruptible. For president, Horace Greeley, of the Liberal Republican party, could probably safely adopt either of the following tickets, each comprising men of different politics. The first-named person in each paragraph to be President, and the second for Vice President:

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THE STORM.

Toledo.

From the Toledo Commercial, Dec. 23.

On Saturday the city was visited by one of the most severe wind storms ever experienced in this vicinity. Signs were blown from upon the sidewalks, fences levelled, and shingles stripped from roofs. People passing through the streets experienced great difficulty in making any manner of progress. The wires of the fire alarm telegraph were blown down at various points, while at other places, by their striking one another, almost a continuous false alarm was sounded. Once the steamers turned out, supposing a fire existed in the vicinity of the Boody House, and returned to their respective houses.

Shortly before 12 o'clock, one of the small spires on the Catholic church, situated on the corner of Lynn and Water streets, toppled over and fell with a crash to the ground, between the church and M. J. Cooney's carriage factory, causing the destruction of the spire, no further damage was done.

At about 4 o'clock in the afternoon the smoke-stack of the Toledo Woolen Company's factory, foot of Elm street, was blown down, striking upon the roof of the dry-house, damaging it somewhat. The smoke-stack was badly broken.

The greatest disaster of the day was in the falling of the spire of First Baptist Church, on Huron street, near Cherry, which occured shortly before 5 o'clock, and when the gale was at its highest point of fury. A little less than half of the spire fell inward, and plunged down within the yard surrounding the dwelling of Mrs. Williams. A portion of the spire, about eight feet long, struck the corner of the house, sinking its depth in the splintered ruins, and remaining there. The entire corner of the building, on the upper floor, is in ruins. Fortunately no one was injured. The total loss to church will probably not fall far short of $1,000.

Lafayette, Ind.

From the Lafayette Dispatch, Dec. 22.

About noon to-day the storm, which has been blowing furiously all day, accompanied with thunder and lightning, came down with terrific force, occasioning many accidents, of which we can relate but few. The roof of the National Bank building was blown off. The wind got under the southeast corner, and gradually rolled it up until about half of one side, a wall, when it was lifted bodily off and carried across Main street and fell in the alley alongside of Ruger & Rogers' confectionery.

The same scene was followed in regard to the Post Office building, but in this case some of the rafters fell with the roof, and injured the adjoining but lower building.

The roof of Judge Ball's building, corner of Main and Sixth streets, met with a similar fate, and lies at the intersection of Main streets.

One of the small pinnacles of the Trinity M. E. Church, corner of Sixth and North streets, was torn from its fastenings, and fell to the street.

Unfortunately this was not the case, in another instance. The sign of the store of Warwick & Florer became detached, and, falling struck a lady from the country, Mrs. Johnson, and a gentleman named Horrigan, injuring them both, but not severely, although it was reported the lady was killed. We learn that Mr. Warwick & Florer, sign was six feet high by thirty long, and was bolted down in a most substantial manner, but the force of the wind was too great for it.

The residence of Dr. F. W. Ross, on Fourth street, also suffered some injury, the corner of the roof being ripped for a dozen feet, but being of shingle resisted any further destruction.

The new building of the Messrs. Levering, that of Mrs. Peter Ball, on Columbia street; Hon. G. S. Orth's, on Fourth street; the bank building and bakery of Messrs. Ruger & Rogers, and many others were more or less injured.

Alton, Ill.

From the Alton Telegraph, Dec. 23.

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The roof of J. A. Eyrie's store was lifted into the air several feet, and then came down again upon the walls, almost in its old position.

A part of the rear wall of Dr. Hope's Belle street buildings were blown in.

Speed of Rogers.

From the New Orleans Picayune.

On all race tracks in the United States the mile is measured three feet from the inner rail, that being the supposed place where the fleetest horse will run. Now if a circle be made one mile round, and a horse runs four feet from it on the outside, he will have to run 25 feet and 1 inch further each mile; in 100 feet one 4 inches in four miles; indeed, if a circle be made of any given circumference, and a circle made from any point, the difference of 25 feet 1 inch, whether the inner circle be one yard round or 10,000. In race tracks are not made in circles, but usually as the Metairie is, oval. Two straight stretches of one-quarter each, and two semi-circles uniting them of one-quarter mile each, the same rule holds good; for as the two straight stretches are the same distance to every horse, whether he be one yard or 10 yards from the inner fence, and the two semi-circles making one whole circle, the same difference of 25 feet and 1 inch, however, the last of which will exist between two horses, running four feet from each other. As horses rarely, if ever, run lapped for four miles, let us take an extreme case, and one likely to occur often. Suppose one horse trails another for three and a half miles, and on entering the eighth or last turn of the four turns, he makes his break and laps his opponent, and the race is declared a dead heat; in this case the outside horse would really have beaten the inner 12 1-2 feet.

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ELECTIONS IN NEW YORK.

Confession of an Employee as to Frauds.

In a trial now going on in New York as to whether Coulter or Murray was elected Justice, the following evidence was given by one of the election inspectors;

Richard Hamlin testified that at the charter election of 1869, I was one of the canvassers of the First District of the Twenty-second Ward; Mr. Gedney was my associate; Coulter received 239 votes, and Murray 225; the returns were made and sealed, and I had them in my possession; I saw Mr. Coulter the morning after the election; he told me Murray was elected; he asked me to call the attention of the Board of Canvassers at the vestibule of the City Hall; I went to get Gedney and then went down there; we went from over to Lovejoy's Hotel; there were Coulter, Gedney, Van Brunt, McCabe, Belcher, and myself; Coulter suggested our going there; we went first into the little room back of the office, and remained from three to five minutes, when Van Brunt came in, being prepared in addition and particularly to America, as Commodore Perry was the first to enter their ports. But here an important question arose. The Japanese Minister, Iwakaura, had joined the interests of his country, did not desire any more ports opened; the North German Minister was similarly inclined; the Dutch Minister was indifferent, and the French Minister had no opinion. Here, then, was a direct fight between England and America. Minister Lowe conceived and a plan which has resulted in his gaining a point over the foreign Ministers.

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